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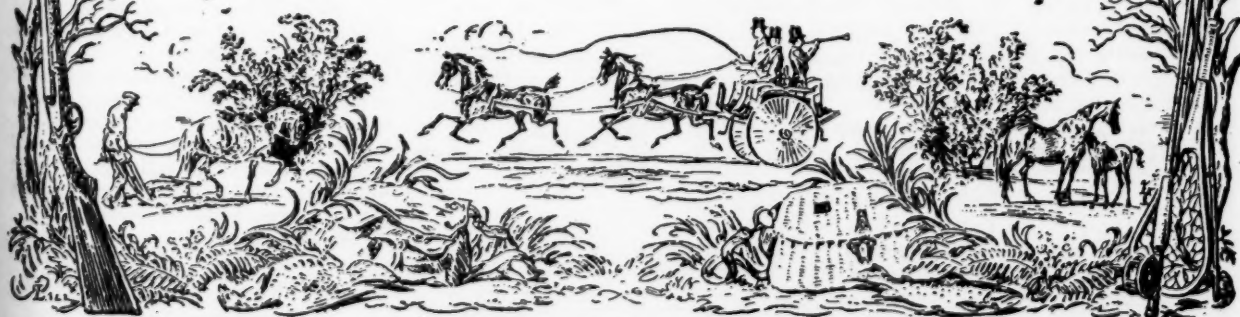
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SO OLD AND YET SO NEW

It was Christmas Eve and in the stable all was quiet except for the pleasant sounds of the ox and the donkey munching hay as the lambs shifted about in their pen.

Suddenly through the open door streamed a shining light which grew brighter and brighter, finally filling every corner of the stable with its soft glow.

As the startled animals raised their heads and looked about, they became aware of a sweet lady who sat in the corner on a pile of hay with her newborn Baby in her arms, while her husband stood quietly beside Her.

All at once the place was filled with the sound of music, very soft and sweet. While it grew in volume many persons entered the stable—three young shepherd lads with their lambs knelt quietly beside the Mother and Child, whispering softly among themselves so they would not awaken the sleeping Infant—three brightly glittering Wisemen silently laid their gifts before Him—and a choir of angels worshipped the Child as they sang Him a lullaby. With the close of their song a patter of hoofs was heard on the cobblestones outside in the courtyard. While the assembled throng watched, a beautiful snow-white mare walked into the stable and carefully made her way to a spot in front of the Mother and Child. She turned her head, whinnying softly, and through the open door came a tiny cream-colored foal, so ethereal that all who watched felt it could not be real.

Quietly the foal drew near the Sleeping Child, who suddenly awoke and reached out with its chubby hands to touch the lovely creature. As He did so the foal fell to its knees and the fingers of the Child closed on its golden mane.

Then the angel-choir began to sing softly another lullaby which went:—

Sleep and rest this Holy Day
For the Child is here to stay
We are proud to have Him born
Here with us this Blessed Morn.

As the last notes of the music faded away everyone noted that the Holy Child was fast asleep and across His breast lay the soft muzzle of

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the golden foal, while the beautiful white mare had vanished—she had brought to the Christ Child her most precious gift.

So, through the long years, and even today, it is said of a foal born on Christmas Eve that it will grow up with an understanding heart and will bring great joy to its master as a special gift from Jesus, Our Lord.

—Jean White Cutler.

Letters.....

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Save The Mustangs

Dear Sir:

Could you, or any of your readers, tell me if anything is being done to save the remaining wild horses and to establish a breed of Mustangs?

The way that the ponies of England, Ireland and Scotland, and now the Viking ponies of the Baltic Sea, have been bred up and successfully established as recognized breeds is a splendid thing.

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Or is there? Could you tell me?

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On The Cover

Dear Sir:

It might be of interest to you as well as a help to your advertising department to learn that, thanks to your showing on the cover of your Oct. 28 issue, a sale was made. I have bought the bronze of Foxhall Keene and it is on its way here to me. Until I saw it on your cover I never knew of its existence. It gets added to my polo collection of bronzes, pictures, china, books, ninc-nacks, programs, etc. I now even have a willow-root ball originally used by the Hill tribes of India which was called a "pulu" and from which the modern word polo was evolved.

All the best.

W. Holden White
London, S.W.1.

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Benguala, Steeplechase Champ

The TRA Board of Selection named Mrs. Marion duPont Scott's Montpelier-bred Benguala the Steeplechase Champion of 1960. The six-year-old gelding clinched the title by winning the rich Temple Gwathmey Handicap under a 160 pound impost.

The choice of Benguala marks the fourth Championship captured this year by a member of the duPont family. Mrs. R. C. duPont, mistress of Bohemia Stable, won the American and 3-Year-Old Colt or Gelding titles with her Kelso, and William duPont, Jr. garnered the 3-Year-Old Filly crown with Berlo.

Benguala earned his title by winning four of his nine starts, three of them in stakes, to earn \$73,139. His stakes victories, besides the Temple Gwathmey, were scored in the Meadow Brook Steeplechase Handicap and the Brook Steeplechase Handicap.

Unraced at two, Benguala scored once in five attempts at three. At four he won four of six, including the Temple Gwathmey in which he defeated Neji, the 1955, 1957 and 1959 Steeplechase Champion. As a five-year-old he saw little competition and failed to win in three starts.

In 1960 he started his campaign at Belmont on June 28, winning an allowance race. His next start was in the International Steeplechase at Belmont and he finished seventh. Two weeks later he scored in the Meadow Brook. His next three starts, two at Saratoga and one at Aqueduct, proved fruitless but he regained his form at Belmont in winning the Brook.

He was made favorite for the Grand National and was well up most of the way but the three-and-one-eighth mile distance, plus the 156-pound impost was a bit too much and he tired, finishing third.

In the Gwathmey he was second choice

under 160 pounds. He was close up going to the final jump and disposed of *Chufquen on the flat to win by three lengths.

Bred by his owner, Benguala was foaled at Mrs. Scott's Montpelier estate near Orange, Virginia. He is from the last crop of Annapolis, a son of Mano'War, who died in 1957 at the age of 31. Bennu, his dam, is by *Heliopolis and out of Evening Tide, a *Bull Dog mare.



EUROPEAN AMATEUR STEEPLECHASE RIDER CHAMPIONSHIP

The final event in the European amateur steeplechase riders championship series was the "Preis der Nationen" - chase at Neuss, Germany. The new champion is Joerg Zindel of Switzerland even though he could not compete in this three miles one furlong race. Customs authorities did not allow him to cross the border from France. The winner by five lengths was the British owned and bred five-year-old gelding Cash Desire (Desire-Paid up) from the Swiss-owned Pataclat with the German filly Domherrin third. Capt. Paul Greenwood was the rider and, together with co-owner Major J. G. Wallis, received the trophy, presented by Dr. Adenauer, from Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, Minister of Home Affairs. Ph. Alles



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Tropical Park

The 20th running of The City of Coral Gables Handicap at Tropical Park, on Saturday, December 17, drew fourteen 3-year-olds or older horses. Run under handicap stakes conditions, it carried a purse of \$10,000 added for a six furlongs run.

Jockey Willie Hartack rode J. Derenzo's April Skies to a three length score over Calumet Farm's Pied d'Or. W. B. MacDonald, Jr.'s Room and Board was third, and Copalan Stable's Accomplishment, fourth. The winning time was 1.09 4/5.

The winner is a dark bay, 3-year-old gelding, by Tiger or Hannibal-Thendara, by Requested, bred by E. K. Thomas. G. W. Semler trains him. April Skies netted \$7,577.50 for this triumph and now has nine victories out of 23 starts for the year, also four seconds and two thirds

and \$73,908. His lifetime earnings are a bit short of the \$100,000 mark.

Fair Grounds

The New Orleans Fair Grounds featured The Black Helen Handicap on Saturday, December 17. An overnight handicap, it carried a purse of \$10,000 and was for 3-year-olds and older horses, who were asked to travel six furlongs.

Mrs. J. W. Brown's homebred Mary's Potential was ridden to a head victory over Wilson and Allen's Road House, by jockey Clarence Meux. Argonne Stable's Grand Wizard was third. The winner travelled the six furlongs dash in 1.12 1/5.

Mary's Potential is a brown colt, by The Battler-Wise Mary, by *Challenger II. The Battler the winner's sire, is a War Admiral Horse. J. B. Theal saddled the winner. The colt is undefeated in four starts, three this year and one last year.

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FINNEY BACK FROM ENGLAND

Humphrey S. Finney, President of Fasig-Tipton Company, returned to his Greenwich, Connecticut, home last weekend after a brief trip to France and England, where he represented the firm at the Newmarket December Sales and arranged with Lloyd's Bank, executors of the estate of the late Prince Aly Khan, for the sale of the Thoroughbreds now in the United States owned in partnership by the estate and John W. Galbreath.

Finney reported that he had bid for clients on some of the top broodmares in the Newmarket vendue, but had enjoyed no success as a buyer owing to the record-breaking strength of the market. Fasig-Tipton's British affiliate, The British Bloodstock Agency purchased 180 of the 1,002 lots sold for its clients in seventeen countries, spending over \$750,000, or about 15% of the overall gross of the sales. The British Bloodstock Agency was once more the leading buyer at the sales.

One highpoint of the trip Finney said, was a visit to Lord Derby's Woodland Stud for a final look at the grand old horse Hyperion, Great Britain's longtime premier sire who was humanely destroyed shortly thereafter. Fasig-Tipton will sell the great horse's last two foals at the 1961 Saratoga Yearling Sales. On the subject of foals and yearlings, Finney observed that only a few weanlings were purchased at Newmarket for commercial resale, as the market was so strong that most market sellers found too little margin for profit on the offerings.

ZOLINE NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ARLINGTON PARK-WASHINGTON PARK

Joseph T. Zoline prominent 48-year-old Chicago attorney and executive, was named executive director of Arlington Park and Washington Park, it was announced jointly by John D. Allen, newly-elected president of Arlington, Jack R. Hogan, Washington Park vice president, and Mrs. Marjorie L. Everett, vice president of both tracks.

Zoline has had thorough experience at the executive end of Thoroughbred racing as an officer and director of Balmoral Jockey Club since its organization in 1955. He is at present executive vice president of Hilton Credit Corporation, which operates the Carte Blanche credit card system, which he helped organize two years ago.

It was announced simultaneously that new officers and directors had been elected at Arlington Park's annual stockholders' meeting.

Allen, a member of the original group which purchased Arlington Park in association with the late Benjamin F. Lindheimer in 1940, was elected president to succeed Brig. Gen. William T. Young, Jr., who resigned. Allen had been president until 1957, when he became chairman of the board, a post he also retains.

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Third Brother is the third of three stakes winning full brothers (after Hill Prince and Prince Hill) and is half-brother to Mangohick and First Landing. Stakes winner of \$310,787, Third Brother has had full books in 1959 and 1960. The first crop by this son of *Princequillo includes many grand individuals. Third Brother, b. h., 1953, by *Princequillo—Hildene, by Bubbling Over. Fee \$2,000 live foal.

Bryan G. a son of *Blenheim II, was a stakes winner of \$165,625 including important stakes in New York in record times and the Pimlico Special. From his first 37 foals, 34 have raced, and 26 have won. This year he has out five 2-year-old winners, including the extremely promising stakes placed Ross Sea. Bryan G. is also sire of the stakes winner Yemen, of stakes placed Mark the Way, and other good winners. Bryan G., ch. h., 1947, by *Blenheim II—Anthemion, by Pompey. Fee \$500 live foal.

Doswell has been bred to few mares but the quality of his produce has been exceptional. From 11 foals older than 2, nine have raced and seven have won. Among his winners are Willamette, winner of the Coaching Club American Oaks, and North End, winner Renton Handicap. His seven winners have won 31 races. Doswell, b. h., 1949, by Bull Lea—Highclere (dam of 3 SWs), by Jack High. Fee \$500 live foal.

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Hunt Racing Review

Chris Wood, Jr.

Enjoying a banner year with well-filled races and a sharp upswing in spectator interest, hunt racing forged ahead in 1960. While major course purse distribution tumbled from its 1959 level, 18 hunt race meetings offering prize money, disbursed a gross of \$113,815 against the gross of \$113,245 disbursed in 1959, to show a slight gain. Four of the meetings operated two-day sessions, while 3 sporting meetings in Maryland offered trophies only, bringing the total number of hunt racing days to 25 for the year.

For the 8th straight year, the United Hunts Racing Association put up \$6,600 to be divided amongst the leaders of the sport's timber, brush and hurdle divisions. Encouraging participation in the sport and leveling off divisional leadership, a horse receives 3 points for a winning race, 2 for placing, and 1 for running 3rd.

Timber Racing

Timber racing, the backbone of the club sport, enjoyed a good year with all meetings, excepting 3 spring sessions, offering purses of \$1,000 or better. This, of course, doesn't include the sporting races which offer only trophies. The highest purse on the circuit is the \$2,500 Cecil County Steeplechase, sponsored by the Cecil County Breeders' Fair at Fair Hill, Md.

The latter race started Valley Hart, the property of Mrs. Virginia M. Duvall, Whitehall, Md., on his way to the championship of the timber division. Running 2nd on 4 occasions and once 3rd during his spring campaign, the 7-year-old gelding by Mr. Bones-Robin Ann won all of his 4 starts on the fall circuit to earn 21 points and the award of \$1,000 for his attractive owner.

Starting with a victory in the mentioned Cecil County Steeplechase, Valley Hart went on to capture the A. Smith Bowman Memorial at the Fairfax Meeting, the 30th running of the Monmouth County Hunt Cup at Red Bank, N. J., and The Chronicle Cup during the Virginia Fall Meeting at Middleburg, Va. Preceding his triumph in the Cecil County Steeplechase, the reigning champion had only one winning race on his record. This was registered when he defeated Miss Audrey Riker's Golden Fly (1959 champion) in the Western Pennsylvania Hunt Cup at Ligonier, Pa., last year.

In all of his races over fences, Valley Hart has had the saddle services of his trainer, James Hruska, a shy tow-headed youngster who has shown great patience as he and his mount worked their way to the pinnacle of timber racing.

Brought back to the races by swimming in a pond on his owner's farm in Virginia, Ricacho, owned and trained by Randolph D. Rouse, Arlington, Va., won 4

important races on the spring circuit to gain 12 points and 2nd honors worth \$600. After scoring his 2nd triumph in the Connecticut Cup, the final timber race on the eastern spring circuit, the 10-year-old gelding by Roman-Sylvan Song went wrong and did not come out for a fall campaign. The popular Joseph L. Aitcheson, Jr., rode him in all of his winning races.

Sporting the silks of owner-rider, William H. Turner, Jr., a college student from Unionville, Pa., Carolina Hills won two races and placed in others to earn 11 points and a tie with Mrs. William D. Hail's Full Stop. Racing in the name of the Nashville, Tenn., sports lady in the fall, the 11-year-old gelding won 3 important races and placed once to gain 11 points in Mrs. Hail's name. Preceding this he won in the spring for Elkins Wetherill and placed once while racing in the name of Mrs. Hail's husband.

Brush Division

First honors in the brush division were divided between the deceased Hal Marbut, the property of Mrs. C. F. Morriss, Lexington, Ky., and *Doural, a French import owned by George L. Ohrstrom, Jr., The Plains, Va. Both were trained by W. Burling Cocks, Unionville, Pa.

Unsound in his hind legs, *Doural was nursed along by trainer Cocks to account for the Dresden Steeplechase at Middleburg, and the 39th running of the National Hunt Cup during the Radnor Hunt meeting in the spring. Coming back after sustaining an injury at Saratoga during the summer, the import won the Daniel C. Sands Cup at Middleburg in the fall to gain a total of 9 points.

Unplaced in a flat race at Camden, S.C., in the early spring, Hal Marbut, a homebred, went on to win the Block House

Steeplechase at Tryon, N. C. Shipping to Virginia, the 'chaser' accounted for the 15th running of the Mary Mellon at Middleburg and the Broadview at Warrenton to gain 9 points. Following 3 straight victories over brush, he was shipped to trainer Cocks' farm at Unionville, Pa., where he sustained serious injuries in a mishap and was "put down".

Hurdle Division

Scoring 1 point less than the tied pair, the gallant little black gelding, Out of Reach gained 8 points to earn the \$400 3rd prize for Mrs. Ogden Phipps. Twice a winner of the UHRA hurdle division award, the 8-year-old gelding was sold to Mrs. Henry Obre during the summer and performed well for the Monkton, Md., sports lady for the balance of the season. Each picking up 7 points, *Romeo, owned by Miss Mary A. Rumsey, Unionville, Pa., and *Ballybrittas, racing for John McShain's Barclay Stable, Philadelphia, divided 4th money of \$200.

Winning 3 races and placing once on the spring and fall circuits, the gray gelding December gained 11 points to top the hurdle division for Mrs. Cordelia Scaife May, Ligonier, Pa. Bred in the Keystone State by his owner, C. Mahlon Kline, Ambler, Pa., Gowran, a 3-year-old gelding by Slam Bang-Sea Pep, won over hurdles at Ligonier, Pa., and placed in other races to gain 8 points and the \$600 2nd prize.

With a tie for 3rd and 4th in the hurdle division, Mrs. George E. Tener, Middleburg, Va., and Mrs. Henry Obre, Monkton, Md., divided a total of \$600. Mrs. Tener's share came via the efforts of Panga, who gained 7 points on the spring circuit before he was claimed in a race at Belmont Park. Always a game performer, Out of Reach, obtained from Mrs. Ogden Phipps during the summer, earned a like number of points for Mrs. Obre, his current owner.



HUNT MEETING LEADERS For the UNITED HUNTS AWARDS

Timber Division - \$2,200			Brush Division - \$2,200			Hurdle Division - \$2,200		
	Pts.	Award		Pts.	Award		Pts.	Award
VALLEY HART (Mrs. Virginia M. Duvall)	21	\$1,000	x HAL MARBUT (Mrs. C. F. Morriss)	9	\$800	DECEMBER (Mrs. Cordelia S. May)	11	\$1,000
RICACHO (Randolph D. Rouse)	12	600	DOURAL (George L. Ohrstrom, Jr.)	9	800	GOWRAN (C. Mahlon Kline)	8	600
**FULL STOP (Mrs. William D. Hail)	11	300	OUT OF REACH (Mrs. Ogden Phipps)	8	400	PANGA (Mrs. George E. Tener)	7	300
CAROLINA HILLS (William H. Turner, Jr.)	11	300	ROMEO (Miss Mary A. Rumsey)	7	100	OUT OF REACH (Mrs. Henry Obre)	7	300
			BALLYBRITTAS (Barclay Stable)	7	100			

* * Full Stop earned three points in the name of Elkins Wetherill and two points in the name of William D. Hail.

x Deceased.

Points were awarded as follows: Three for a winning race, two for placing, and one for running third. Where equal points resulted in a tie, the bonus awards are compiled and divided. Major course racing is not considered. Only races under sanction from the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, or legal state racing bodies are tallied. The latter includes races run during the two-day Cecil County Breeders' Fair meeting at Fair Hill, Maryland. Owners bonus points are not transferable from one owner to another with the sale, lease, or transfer of a horse.

Friday, December 23, 1960

Owners And Trainers

With a menage of 14 'chasers and hurdle performers, Mrs. Henry Obre raced the largest stable on the major course and hunt racing circuits in 1960. Winning her share of races on the major courses, Mrs. Obre accounted for 8 races on the spring and fall hunt race circuits. Training his own campaigners on the hunt racing circuit, Randolph D. Rouse had 6 winners to be 2nd on the list. Mrs. June H. McKnight was 3rd with 5 winners in the amateur division. However, she scored the most important victory when she won the 24th running of the International Gold Cup, at Ligonier, Pa., with *Chufquen, a Chilean-bred 'chaser. In accounting for the featured event during the Rolling Rock Club's two-day session, the sportsday from Vienna, Va., picked up a net sum of \$5,375 from the gross purse of \$8,600.

Training the largest public stable in the realm of steeplechasing in this country, D. M. (Mike) Smithwick ran away with



honors in the trainers division. Active at nearly all of the meetings, the conditioner from Hyde, Md., sent out 18 winners. This was just half of his total of 36 winners, which gave him top honors in the "races-won" by U. S. steeplechase trainers in 1960. Chalking up most of his victories during the year at the hunt races, trainer W. Burling Cocks closed the season with 13 triumphs at the hunt races and two on the major courses. He enjoyed his best day during the spring meeting at Middleburg, when he saddled 4 winners on the 6-race program. Sidney Watters, Jr., had 10 winners in the hunt racing division and 7 on the major courses to total 17 for the year. M. G. (Mickey) Walsh, who saddled 33 winners during the year, accounted for 9 of his total at the hunt race meetings.

The above figures only account for steeplechase and hurdle races, or races on the flat at hunt meeting. Running diversified stables, all of the mentioned trainers had many other winners on the flat at the major courses.

Riders

During the year, the diminishing field of amateur riders found 9 members of this select group entering the winners' circle. William H. Turner, Jr., owner and rider of Carolina Hills, paced the group with 7 winners out of 29 mounts. Riding over timber 12 times during the year, H. C. (Jiggs) Baldwin, III, was returned the winner on 5 occasions. Riding in the Carolinas and in the mid-west, Alan H. Dufton, scored with 2 of his 16 mounts.

Although he did not top the group in national riding honors, A. P. (Paddy) Smithwick had no trouble in pacing the professional hunt race riders with 17 victories, a major portion of his 26 winners for the year. James Murphy leading 'chase rider in 1959, rode 11 of his 19 wins for the year on the hunt circuit to be 2nd. Joseph L. Aitcheson, Jr., and Thomas Walsh tied for third with 8 winners each. The latter was the Nation's leading 'chase rider in 1960 with a total of 31 triumphs, while Aitcheson registered 20 in the national picture. Free-lancing during the year, Aitcheson had his best day during the Virginia Gold Cup meeting at Warrenton. Accepting 4 mounts, the rider

from Laurel, Md., rode 3 winners to sweep the final half of the six-race program.

Percentage-wise, trainer D. M. (Mike) Smithwick turned out to be the nation's leading rider. Accepting the mount on H. Robertson Fenwick's Fluctuate in the 58th running of the Grand National Point-to-Point at Butler, Md., and the 64th running of the Maryland Hunt Cup, the dean of timber riders batted 1000. In winning the latter race, Smithwick shattered a record by winning the "blue riband of 'chases" for the 6th time. Lowering the late Jarvis Spencer, Jr.'s record of 5 triumphs, which started in 1901 and concluded with Chuck-atuck's victory in 1919.

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KENTUCKY

*HIS BABU

Tyson Gilpin of Boyce, Va. reports that the stallion *His Babu (Honeyway-Perfume) has been sold privately to E. W. Richmond of Owensboro, Ky. Perfume is also the dam of *My Babu and of Sayani leader of the French sire list of 1953, and of Marco Polo, leading sire in New Zealand. *My Babu stands at Leslie Combs II's Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

TEXAS

LIVE OAK STABLES

Live Oak Stables, Texas' latest entry into big time racing and breeding, announced the weaning of four strapping 1960 foals, and which are now quartered near their respective dams at the Fox Hollow ranch near Possum Kingdom Lake and owned by F. Kirk Johnson, Fort Worth oilman and Thoroughbred patron. Associated with Mr. Johnson is James Stewart, film star, and Cecil Childers, top poloist of yesteryear, who is general manager for the duo, which owns vast ranching interests.

All four of the Live Oak youngsters are fine individuals. A bay colt by Rest Assured, the Live Oak Stables' home stallion, out of There Goes Bev, by Who Goes There, is a standout and another colt by the same sire out of Blue Bit by Blue Swords looks even better. There's a pert filly by Rest Assured out of Fun and Pleasure, and the remaining colt is a top notcher bred in the purple, and by Rest Assured out of Our Gloria, by the fabled Crusader. B.B.

1959 FOAL DISTRIBUTION

The office of The Jockey Club in New York City, reports that in 1959, 11,068 foals were registered in every state except Alaska. Kentucky breeders reported 3,093; California, 1,687; Virginia, 700; Illinois, 529; Maryland 424; Texas, 384; Washington, 339; Oklahoma, 331; Florida, 312; and Pennsylvania, 254.

N.Y. BETTING EXCEEDS 1,000,000,000

During 1960 at three Thoroughbred and eight harness tracks in New York State, \$1,037,000,000 was wagered through the pari-mutuel machines, producing a total of \$96,548,039 in revenue for the state, these figures breaking all previous records.

NEW YORK 1960 STATISTICS

Now that racing in New York for 1960 has folded its tent and stolen noisily away into the limbo of history, it is rather interesting to look at some of the statistics which are definitely fantastic.

Betting rose from \$478,948,445 in 1959 to \$531,441,960 this year. That's for Thoroughbred racing. On top of that, you can add another \$505,663,483 for the betting done at New York's eight harness tracks. That adds up to over a billion dollars and any industry which does more than a billion dollars in gross sales per year is what is generally called big business.

Just to show you how really big these numbers are, the total betting at Maryland's three major Thoroughbred tracks in 1959 was \$129,786,428. Of course, Maryland had considerably fewer days of racing, but Maryland is a citadel of the American Thoroughbred and the fact that New York produced four times the betting Maryland got is really something.

One of the most salutary aspects of the 1960 figures on New York betting is the fact that Thoroughbred racing produced better results than harness racing. Last year, harness racing was ahead in total monies bet.

With every tax advantage an aggressive lobbying group can develop, harness racing is able to offer the newest of everything to the customer. This makes it doubly impressive that Thoroughbred racing held its own, since its tax structure is so onerous that New York racing had to become a non-profit corporation to stay alive. R. J. Clark

SHOW CIRCUIT START

Charles W. Boland, of Chelsea, Quebec, Canada, one of the most promising jockeys on the New England circuit, began his riding career on the Canadian show circuit, winning many ribbons in such leading shows as the Canadian National Exhibition and the Royal Winter Fair.

BALLY ACHE'S OWNERS COLLECT A MILLION

The Animal Insurance Company of America recently paid to the owners of Bally Ache, in accordance with the terms of a mortality policy, the sum of \$1,000,000 in the form of a check drawn on the Commercial Bank of North America. The check was made payable to Edgehill Farms and to Turfland Corporation. The horse was bought last May 14th by Turfland Corporation for \$1,250,000. In his lifetime Bally Ache earned \$758,52.

MERRILL'S HOT WAX METHOD

Frank H. Merrill Jr., one of North America's leading trainers, does not believe in the firing iron for the cure of bowed tendons, but prefers what he calls the hot wax method, described by columnist Don Grisham as follows: - "The hot wax method consists of shaping a cone around the tendon, using an elastic bandage and two layers of cotton, separated by several sheets of wax paper. The cotton and paper are placed around the tendon, open at the knee. They are wrapped securely below the ankle with half the length of an elastic bandage. Paraffin, with several other ingredients, is heated to about 160 degrees Fahrenheit and poured in at the top. The bandage is now rolled all the way to the knee. This treatment has the advantages of firing without the disadvantages. No scar tissue is created, yet the heat causes blood to rush into the capillaries, carrying away inflammation. A few days later the wax bandage is removed and a plaster of Paris cast substituted."

ADDITIONAL PRESS TOOLS

At the recent annual convention of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States, Inc., Bill Lauder Jr., president of the National Turf Writers Association, spoke in favor of film patrol pictures in the press boxes, a close check on riders when entries close, and freedom for photographers to roam about the tracks to take pictures.

BUTAZOLIDIN LEGALIZED IN FLORIDA

The Florida Racing Commission has given horsemen racing in the state temporary permission to use the analgesic, Butazolidin. This permission is given pending the adoption of a uniform rule by the National Association of State Racing Commissioners.

MEXICO'S WINDSOR CLASSIC A DEAD HEAT

The running of the 11th Windsor Classic at the Hipodromo de las Americas turned out to be a sensational stretch duel between Copan and Lea-B, with both horses running virtually neck and neck just past the final turn into the home stretch.

Chilean jockey Eduardo Molina up on Copan and Juan Vargas on Lea-B urged on their mounts in the home stretch, but both were never more than heads apart, crossed the finish line together while a crowd of 20,000 went mad in roared urgings for their respective choices.

The photo finish showed a tie for the six furlong, 30,000 pesos added Classic. This is the first time there has been a tie in the Windsor Classic in the 11 years of its running, and the first tie of the current racing season. Time for the race a fast 1' 12" 1/5.

Lea B fully proved in the Classic that she is a sprinter, as well as liking a longer

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route. And the top weight (125 lbs) did not appear to bother her. She and Copan made the quickest time of recent seasons for the six furlongs and fans will now probably back both horses to limit in future feature events.

While quoted at 2 1/2 to 1 in early betting, Lea B went down to even money, paid 20 pesos (\$1.60) for each 10 pesos ticked (80 cents); while Copan rewarded backers with 26 pesos (\$2.08). E.Z.

SHAFFER HEADS TRA

E. E. Dale Shaffer, president of the Michigan Racing Association, oldest and largest of the Detroit tracks, was elected president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States at the annual directors' meeting at the Plaza Hotel, New York City. Donald P. Ross, of Delaware Park; James E. Dooley, of Narragansett Park; and John A. Morris, a director of the New York Racing Association, continue in office as vice-president, secretary and treasurer respectively. Spencer Drayton was unanimously voted executive vice-president by the attending directors, representing 43 racetracks in the United States and Canada.

LARRY LARKIN

It is not uncommon for a trainer to be a graduate of the jockey ranks. That is one of the best places for a jockey to go when weight catches up with him, becoming a trainer or perhaps an official like Ted Atkinson did.

Well, there is an apprentice jockey now riding in California who has put an interesting switch on the usual procedure. His name is Larry Larkin. He started out as a jockey in 1957 but weight caught up with him before he had managed to ride even one winner. (How does one get fat on the proceeds of no winners?) Anyway, Larkin went to work for the late Mr. Molter as an exercise boy. Larkin did his chores well and got promoted to assistant trainer under Molter. He even saddled several winners while the boss was busy elsewhere.

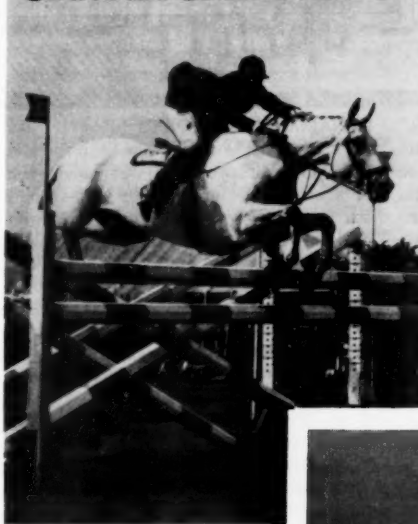
A heart attack caught up with Mr. Molter last April to everybody's dismay and Larkin saddled T. V. Lark to win the Tropicana Hotel Stakes at Bay Meadows.

Subsequently, the Molter stable was broken up and Larkin decided he would go back to his first job, riding. Maybe the worry of being a trainer took some of that weight off. In any case, though, he could again make weight and he won his maiden victory on June 11 at Lansdowne Park in Canada.

After saddling a stakes winner, Larkin is still riding with his bug. That man is an operator. He's got it made both ways. When he is fat from eating too much from his winnings as a jockey, he can train. Then, when he has worried himself thin as a trainer, he can get back on top of the horses again. So who needs social security?

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IRISH HORSE'S GREAT FEAT

Thanks to the generosity of the Whitbread brewing firm, a new two mile 'chase was run at Cheltenham on November 12th. Known as the Mackeson Gold Cup it carried a first prize of 4,385 pounds. Such a big reward attracted virtually all the top two milers in England and Ireland and an enormous crowd assembled to watch a magnificent race run at a tremendous pace with 19 runners. With the top weight limited - rightly in my opinion - to 168 lb., two horses carried this weight, the ex-Irish Saffron Tartan and the Irish-trained Fortria, winner of the Champion Two Mile 'Chase at the National Hunt Festival Meeting in March. Curiously enough both had been "Hobdayed" - operated on for their wind - by the same English veterinarian.

Saffron Tartan started on absurdly short-priced favorite at 11-10 but it was Fortria, one of the four second favorites at 8-1, that won. Moving him into second place jumping the open ditch four fences from home, P. Taaffe sent Fortria into the lead rounding the far bend at the end of the course and thereafter nothing could get in a blow at him. After a really superb exhibition, which stamps him as the finest two mile 'chaser in either country, Fortria won by six lengths from the lightly-weighted Icanopit (143 lb.), with King (152 lb.) a further two lengths away third after Blue Dolphin had fallen at the last fence when third.

Owned by Mr. G. Ansley and trained by veteran Tom Dreaper, Fortria is by the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Fortina out of Senria, by Sun Yat-sen. P.T.C.

IRISH TRAINERS IN THE NEWS

Good news is that Vincent O'Brien has had his suspension shortened to one year instead of the eighteen months originally imposed. This means that Vincent will resume training at Ballydoyle House, Co. Tipperary in May, 1961. The Stewards of the Irish Turf Club in making this announcement have given no specific reasons but were undoubtedly influenced by the "humanities" of the case, and by public demand. They do, however, create a precedent. . . . another suspended Irish trainer, Mr. Michael Hurley, will resume training in the coming Irish flat season, having had his license to train restored by the Irish Stewards. . . . Peter Richards, eldest son of Sir Gordon Richards, will train at the Curragh in 1961, he has been assistant to his father, Paddy Prendergast, and Noel Murless, in England.

P. de B. O'B.

PANAMANIAN EXPORTS

It looks as if a long lease on the Canal Zone and hats you can wear underwater or are made underwater or something (or am I thinking of ball point pens?) aren't the only things the Republic of Panama has contributed to the amelioration of the American way of life.

First, with a crash heard around the world (especially by Mrs. Graham) came the excellent jockey, Manuel Ycaza. Recently has come another real good one, Braulio Baeza. His name is harder to pronounce but he isn't as full of fire as Ycaza. Baeza appears to be a fine rider. Most recently has come another one named Jose Ulloa.

I've seen him ride a number of times and he is no Ycaza yet. He has plenty of time though. He is only 20.

If Panama sends all those people up here to ride our race horses, who's going to stay home and tend that canal down there?

R. J. Clark

HORSE SWAPPING

Not many weeks ago the baseball world was all agog because two American League teams swapped managers. I think the teams were Detroit and Cleveland. In any case, though, they were just swapped by the owners of the two ball teams apparently without so much as a "by your leave."

If you think that is tough - swapping people (I understand that some individuals in baseball actually are people) around as if they were chattels, how about this?

A while ago, trainer Bill Hicks had a horse at Monmouth Park named Burt's Reward which another trainer named Joe Camac (spelled backward it means "nature's") developed a yen for. Mr. Camac couldn't get Burt's Reward via the claiming box so he tried direct negotiation. No dice.

But Mr. Camac had an ace up his sleeve. It was his contract with jockey Regalbuto in whom Mr. Hicks saw latent possibilities. An even swap was made, jockey Regalbuto's contract for Burt's Reward.

Those managers should complain. This jockey got swapped for a horse. As to the relative value of horses and baseball players, I'll leave that up to you.

Subsequently, the jockey must have had a good laugh in the company of Mr. Hicks. Regalbuto rode an animal named Prince Consort for Mr. Hicks. In the same race was the other party to the swap, Burt's Reward, trained, of course, by Mr. Camac. Prince Consort won by a nose with Burt's Reward second.

R. J. Clark

BLOOD COUNT

In one of those ten-pound Sunday newspapers that somebody left on an airplane, there was section wherein odd (silly) questions were asked and answered. One of the questions was, "Is the blood of Thoroughbred race horses really different from that of other horses?"

I cannot vouch for the answer since I've never gone around analyzing the blood of Thoroughbreds, but here is the answer for what it is worth. I thought it interesting if true and some day I'm going to ask a vet if I remember to. Anyway, the answer said that Thoroughbred blood is different. The corpuscles are smaller than those of cold blooded horses and the hemoglobin concentration is lower. The answer suggested that these differences in the blood may have something to do with the ability of the Thoroughbred to run faster than cold-blooded horses.

Maybe it would help the public if the Morning Telegraph published figures on the sizes of the red corpuscles and the hemoglobin contents along with past performances.

Can't you imagine some sweaty, apparently punter muttering to himself as he pours over his form sheet, "Dat goar's been running like a deer, but its blood count's been falling off for da last t'ree times out. And such a hemoglobin my mother-in-law shouldn't have."

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AWARD-WINNING MARYLANDERS

Maryland, as everybody knows, is one of the citadels of the American Thoroughbred.

Well, Maryland made out just dandy when they started handing out the silverware to the boys who stand around the edges of things, the press. Every year, the TRA hands out some awards and stuff for what it considers the best feature story, the best news story, and the best photograph, all on racing of course. (They ought to see some of the photographs I got in Madrid a couple of week-ends ago.) The winners of the three awards this year are all Marylanders.

Teddy Cox of the "Morning Telegraph" got the one for the feature story with his thing about a colt named Good Bird which jumped a fence in Colorado, ran with wild horses for 16 months, and then came back home to win this summer at Rockingham. Mr. Cox comes from Hooper's Island in The Free State.

Charlie Lamb got it for the best news story, Bally Ache's Preakness. Mr. Lamb is racing editor of the Baltimore "News Post" and he was foaled in Baltimore. The photo award of four horses with all 16 hooves off the ground at Delaware Park, went to Edward L. Ewing of Frederick.

I must say the TRA has a good sense of keeping things where they belong.

R. J. Clark

Christmas For Ekky

Joe Hickey, Jr.

A drama as warm and touching as one is ever likely to witness unfolded at the Timonium sales Tuesday evening, October 11, during the third and final session of the Maryland fall sales.

The sales summaries were brief and to the point. They stated simply that hip number 173, the 7-year-old bay mare Star Rhymer, by The Rhymer - Even Star, by Dauter, from the consignment of the Estate of Danny Shea, was purchased by O. Eckenrode for \$1,100.

Hundreds at the ringside witnessed the drama but few knew what to make of it.

There was elbow nudging and a general air of puzzlement when the elderly gentleman who led Star Rhymer up to the sales ring refused to surrender her to the white-coated attendant who was to show her while the bidding was in progress. The old man petted and talked to the mare, reassuring her as she circled before the prospective buyers.

When announcer John Finney had finished reading the mare's pertinent pedigree information and breeding status, auctioneer Laddie Dance looked down to the old man, and asked, "What are you doing here?"

"You'll see," was the reply.

Dance began his chant, asking for an opening bid. "Five hundred," chirped the man at the end of the shank. A counter bid of \$600 was made; the old man came back with \$700. From the other side of the ring a bid of \$750 was recognized. The old man stroked the mare, then raised to \$800. On it went to \$1,100. There the bidding hung.

Dance cast a furtive glance around the ring, then banged down his gavel in finality. At this, the old man, an ex-cavalryman known simply as "Ekky," sighed in relief

and threw his arms around the mare's neck, hugging her. Star Rhymer was his.

The old eyes were young again and filled with stars now; they were those of a child on Christmas morning, brimming with delight and expectation.

The crowd stirred as "Ekky" strode jubilantly from the ring. Instinctively the audience realized the vignette it had just watched was born of love and devotion. Such a moment of tenderness must have inspired Ernest Hemingway to write "The Old Man and the Sea."

"Ekky," whose formal name is Oliver Eckenrode, is a quaint, tender man of humble tastes. He has given 21 of his 60 years to service as a horse soldier and another 15 to the Shea family's Merryland farm. His friends are God's creatures and his Assisi spans the gentle valley that clutches Merryland to its breast. The focal point of his existence, however, is the broodmare barn where he lavishes care and attention on its tenants.

To appreciate the rapport between this man and his wards it is necessary to visit Merryland at Christmastide. During this joyous season of goodwill toward man, "Ekky" returns the spirit of Christmas to the place of its origin - the Stable.

On Christmas Eve he carefully places the figures of the Nativity scene in front of the broodmare barn. Inside is a smaller creche. The stalls are tastefully festooned with garlands and gaily colored lights glow from the aisles.

The mares stand with their heads nodding as carolers' voices emerge from the record player. On the stall doors are tacked greeting cards to each of the mares from the stallions to whom they have been bred.

Each year "Ekky" improves on the decorations seen by increasing numbers of visitors during their annual two-week display. A visit to the Merryland broodmare barn is getting to be a Christmas tradition with many Maryland horsemen. This year the decorations promise to be the best ever.

What is behind the special attachment "Ekky" has for Star Rhymer, an unraced mare who is not yet a producer?

"Well, you see," he began in a soft voice that belied his long campaign as a horse soldier, "I first met the late Mr. Shea when we were serving at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. He was a captain in charge of the Thoroughbred stallions and mares. I came here to work for him after the war. Over the years we talked a good bit about the mares and he once told me that there were two mares he would always wish to keep. One was Snow Jet and the other was Star Rhymer.

"Mrs. Shea and Danny Jr., bought Snow Jet after the captain died; Star Rhymer was put in the sale. I just couldn't see her going to anyone else, so on the night of the sale when Mrs. Shea came down to the barn to say goodbye to the horses that were to be sold, I told her that I wanted to lead Star Rhymer up to the ring.

"Perhaps it would be best if you said goodbye to her now," she suggested. No, I said. I'm not going to say goodbye to her - I'm going to buy Star Rhymer. I 'folded' her and raised her at Merryland and Merryland is where she belongs."

"Ekky" had gone to the bank that morning to withdraw \$2,000. And woe betide the man whose bid might exceed the limits of the old campaigner's life savings.

Star Rhymer, in foal to Flaming Fleet, didn't race due to knee trouble. As she stood in the Timonium salesring, she was worth only \$1,050 to anyone else, but to Oliver Eckenrode she was beyond price.

There'll be carrots, apples and all kinds of good things in her stocking this Christmas. Now, if only her unborn foal were to run! It'll run, all right - if love can find a way. (The Morning Telegraph)

BENEFITS FOR RACING OFFICIALS

At the recent annual convention of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States, Inc., Edward T. Dooley, president of the Society of North American Racing Officials, listed its three objectives - a pension plan, increased pay for patrol judges, and notification of officials at the close of a meeting as to whether they will be rehired for the following meeting.

TRA ADMITS RANDALL PARK

At the annual convention of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States, Inc., the membership voted to admit Randall Park to the Association. The Ohio track was recently acquired by a group headed by Edward J. DeBartolo, who is also president and treasurer of Thistle-Down.



Fortria, owned by G. Ansley and ridden by P. Taffe, won the Mackeson Gold Cup Steeplechase at the Cheltenham meeting. Photo shows Fortria taking the last fence. (Sport & General)

HUNTING

Litchfield County Hunt Point-to-Point

Charles W. Kellogg

Fine sport in gorgeous weather with a setting to match was the story of the first annual point-to-point and hunting pace meeting staged by the Litchfield County Hounds and the Middlebury Hunt Club at Watertown, Conn., Nov. 26.

This program, which drew nine horses in two races and 20 teams in the hunting pace event, was the original idea of Sherman P. Haight Jr., MFH, of the L.C.H., and Dr. Richard T. Gilyard, M.F.H., of the Middlebury - but long before the horses were called to the post for the first race, everyone in sight was filled with enthusiasm.

It took a lot of doing - some of the committee had worked until nearly midnight the previous day flagging the course and rebuilding many of the walls and coops over which the field was to go - and others went out at the first crack of a beautiful dawn to finish the work.

The course ran for about six miles through regularly-hunted country of the Litchfield County Hounds, and anyone who has hunted there knows well the hills and valleys which abound in this country, deep in the eastern reaches of the Litchfield Hills. The start and finish were at the farm of James S. Abrams, joint-MFH of the L.C.H., and the location furnished spectators with frequent views of the horses - a white coop on the skyline of a distant hill was one favorite check point.

Their horses faced starter Don Slater for the heavyweight race. This was for the "Ex-Masters' Plate", an historic piece of silver once competed for proudly by members of the old Watertown Hunt Club in the pre-World War II era. Dr. M. Hemingway Merriman, ex-MFH of the Watertown, was on hand to make the presentation.

The race soon evolved into a two-horse contest with the lead held through most of the early running by Mr. Haight on his good chestnut, Holiday Spark. He was pursued by the entry of Charley My Boy with owner James King, a first-year member of the Middlebury Hunt Club, riding easily.

Coming home through the last mile, much of it through woods, Charley My Boy caught and passed Holiday Spark, and the two came across the last quarter mile of open meadow full out. Charley My

Boy was home in front by three lengths with a time of 25.5 minutes for a popular victory.

The only other horse to finish was Winkle John, a bay gelding owned and ridden by Peter Howe of the Litchfield. They trotted home nine minutes later. The other two starters, Warrior, owned by the Keefe Stables of Litchfield and ridden by J. Cassidy, and Mike O'Riordan of South Salem, N.Y., on his Toddy, were pulled up. The latter stopped when his mount ducked away from a jump and went into wire.

The second race, for the Masters' Trophy, drew four lightweight entries. Again the eventual top-fininishers broke out in front and led at various points, before a close finish gave the cup to Hedda von Goeben, representing the Rombout Hunt Club, on her brown gelding, Little Brown Jug.

Miss von Goeben's time for the six miles was 29.8 minutes. Second was the brown gelding, Carter Fell, owned and ridden by 16-year-old John Vila, a Middlebury member, who lives in Woodbury. Incidentally both Miss von Goeben and Mr. King, who won the heavyweight race, live

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in nearby Washington, Conn.

Young Master Vila was four lengths behind the winner. The third place went to Mrs. Mary P. Schreuder of the Middlebury on her grey mare, Claymore, and right behind was Mrs. Richard T. Gilyard, ex-MFH of the Middlebury on her grey pony, Gadget.

Hunting Pace Event

After the two races, a luncheon break was held and then the first of 20 teams went over the same course in the hunting pace event for the Middlebury Hunt Directors' Perpetual Challenge Trophy.

There were a number of varied rounds recorded. Howard T. Larkin, joint MFH of the Middlebury Hunt Club and his partner, Miss Kathleen Kagel, raced through the course to finish in 36.5 minutes - in contrast Dr. Ned Shutkin and Miss Etta Mueller took 71 minutes.

Judged winners of the event based on the closest to the average arrived at after subtracting the two extreme times, was the team of Mrs. Peter (Cindi) Howe and Miss Jan Almirall of the L.C.H., timed at 51.5 minutes.

The event ended in the soft dusk of early evening, and the general opinion was that "we'll do it next year again." The last order of business was a decision by the four masters - Messers Haight, Abrams, Larkin and Dr. Gilyard - that all funds after minimum expenses will be donated in the name of the two hunts to the Hunt Servants' Benefit Fund of the Masters Of Foxhounds Association.



◻ Hedda von Goeben of the Rombout Hunt holds her Little Brown Jug, winner of "The Litchbury" point-to-point at Watertown, Conn. Presenting the Masters' Trophy is James S. Abrams, Joint MFH, of the Litchfield County Hounds.



◻ Dr. M. Hemingway Merriman, ex-MFH of the old Watertown (Conn.) Hunt Club, left, presents ex-Masters' Trophy to James King, right, who rode his Charley My Boy to victory in the Devil's Backbone pt.-to-pt., sponsored by the Litchfield County Hounds and the Middlebury Hunt Club. Dr. R. T. Gilyard, MFH, of the M.H.C. assists Dr. Merriman. At right is Mrs. King.

"The Devil's Backbone", about six miles, timber, coops, and walls, for horses carrying 180 lbs or more. Won driving by 3 1/2 lengths.

1. Charley My Boy, ch. g., James King, owner up, 186.
 2. Holiday Spark, ch. g., Sherman P. Haight Jr., owner up, 185.
 3. Winkle John, bay, g., Peter Howe, owner up, 185.
- Five started, three finished. Also started: Warrior, br. g., O'Keefe Stables, J. Cassidy, 186, pulled up; Toddy, ch. g., Mike O'Riordan, owner up, 182 1/2, pulled up after running into wire.

"The Litchbury", same course as above, for horses carrying less than 180 lbs (150 minimum). Won driving by four lengths.

1. Little Brown Jug, br. g., Hedda von Goeben, owner up, 165.
 2. Carter Fell, br. g., John Vila, owner up, 169.
 3. Claymore, gr. m., Mrs. Mary Schrueder, owner up, 150.
- Four started, all finished. Also ran: Gadget, gr. g., Mrs. Richard T. Gilyard, owner up, 150.

Hunting Pace - 1. Mrs. Peter Howe, Jan Almirall, L.C.H., 51.5; 2. George Vila, John Vila, M.H.C., 51.0; 3. (tie) Mrs. Sherman P. Haight Jr., Mrs. Samuel Walker, L.C.H., 49.5, & Prudence Risley, Paul Almirall, L.C.H., 53.5.

Others to finish: Howard T. Larkin MFH, Kathleen Kegel, M.H.C., 36.5; Anne Wing, Lucia Wing, Millbrook, 41.5; Mrs. Basil Harris, Joe Murphy, M.H.C., 42.5; Dr. Richard T. Gilyard MFH, Diane Gilyard, M.H.C., 44.0; Joan Theopolis, Jim Cassidy, L.C.H., 45.5; Maura Theopolis, John Perakaus, L.C.H., 47.5; Sally Tehan, John Osuch, L.C.H., 48.0; Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Almirall, L.C.H., 48.0; Miss Marjorie Weisenberger, Joseph Adams, L.C.H., 48.0; Thurston Greene, George Kreigher, L.C.H., 56.0; Walter Mack, Ernest Cedar, L.C.H., 59.0; Louise Metcalfe, John O'Keefe, Rombout, 62.0; Clifford Craal, L.C.H., and Jim King Jr., M.H.C., 62.0; Mr. & Mrs. John Roberts, M.H.C., 65.0; Dr. Ned Shutkin, Erta Mueller, M.H.C., 71.0; Steele C. Smith, Morzan Burke, M.H.C., no time - went off course.

SMITHTOWN HUNT

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For the first time, weather did not interfere and the Smithtown Hunt Hunting Pace Event was held on the originally scheduled date, December 4.

The Masters, Dr. Arthur Fredericks and Mr. Edward J. Gould had ridden the course in the morning in 61.09. This proved to be about 5 or 6 minutes slower than the average of the contestants who finished the course without any unforeseen delays. The difference in time resulted from the difference in the going between early morning and afternoon. The morning "greasy" going had disappeared with the afternoon sun.

Only 4 of the 15 pairs finished over the Masters' time. Of these, 3 had gotten lost or had falls and the fourth had also gotten a bit lost but returned to the route soon enough to become the winners. They were Jane Waters and junior member Patricia Maguire who finished in 63.12. This year there was no separate division for juniors. Instead all members competed against one another for the Perpetual Challenge Trophy. Second was another junior-senior combination of Jane Converse and Sheila Keating, who traveled the course in 57.57. The junior pair of Bonnie Kranker and Ronnie Quarry were third (57.06) while Whipper-in James Stewart was fourth with young Jane Hallin, 57.01. Fifth in 56.16 were Mrs. James Kelly and Nancy Rice. Sixth, in 54.28, a time which showed remarkably good judgement for such a young pair were 12 year old Bruce Dentan and 10 year old James Rice.

The course was held over the same

line as that of the previous week's hunt. They started at David Weld's and finished at the Commack Saw Mill. There were four checks of varying time lengths.

Order of Finish and Time

Jane Waters, Patricia Maguire: 63.12.
Jane Converse, Sheila Keating: 57.57.
Bonnie Kranker, Ronnie Quarry: 57.06.
Jane Hall, James Stewart: 57.01.
Mrs. James Kelly, Nancy Rice: 56.16.
Bruce Dentan, James Rice: 54.28.
George Larkin, Mrs. John Engels: 53.23.
Misses Fox & Spottswood: 68.08.
Kathleen Rice, Lynn Wanamaker: 52.55.
Sherwood Strong, Bruce Acker: 51.30.
Royal Brush, Mrs. George Worthington: 49.49.

Thomas Howell, Carol Ann McMenomy: 47.33

Mrs. Franklyn McColgin, Gustave Mollet: 45.18

Mary O'Connor, Louis Jankowski: 77.06

Linda Casey, Kathy Andrews: 84.57.

Tanbark

about taking any unnecessary risks and to watch new seedlings or wheat-then announced the finish.

The seven took off jet-propelled, six going one way and Mrs. Davis picking another route. William Welch parted company from his horse after the first jump - all competitors made sure that Bill was all right before carrying on the express train speed. Mrs. Davis joined the others shortly after the first jump. The Welch mount galloped along side Doctor Davis's horse and was caught and returned to Bill but Doctor Davis and Mr. Welch did not resume the race. Through the woods went the six, going at a fantastic speed. Trees whisked by furiously. Austin Wadsworth found a huge limb refused to yield; he was dismounted suddenly but happily held on to the reins and was able to remount quickly. Mrs. Heen held the top position all the way, Hickory Hill skimming the country with all the agility and skill of a combination rabbit and kangaroo.



George Gary Cup

Michael Kelley

A wonderful spirit prevailed during the old fashioned four mile point-to-point held in the Genesee Valley hunting country on Saturday November 12th. This annual race, known as the George Gary Cup, is definitely a test of the riders knowledge of the hunting country. Eight competitors hacked to the start which was at the corner of the Triphammer and Elm Roads. The entries were Genesee Valley Hunt Cup winner, Grey Puss, with owner-rider Joseph Chandler in the irons; Mrs. Helge Heen on Hickory Hill; Mrs. Van Knight astride her Kitty Mouse; Mrs. David Davis with horse trials champion, Gipsy Hill; William Welch atop another Chandler entry, Poag's Heir; Austin Wadsworth aboard the Spire Point-to-point winner (Limestone Creek Hunt) Jomen; Frank Laimbeer on Rusty Charlie; and Doctor David Davis astride Danny Dalton. MFH William Wadsworth warned all riders

Mrs. Heen had just the right amount of control and determination. A large group of spectators standing at the finish gave a great shout as Hickory Hill, Jomen, and Grey Puss came into view. The setting sun made the finish flags abit difficult to see, but by shooting past the flags then by turning back quickly to make a proper finish, Mrs. Heen brought the still strong Hickory Hill in as the winner. Austin Wadsworth (brother to Mrs. Heen) and Joseph Chandler riding hard on Mrs. Heen's coat tails, finished second and third. The second shift came in minutes later and included Frank Laimbeer, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Knight.

Mrs. Frances Lango, daughter of the late George Gary, presented the cup to Hickory Hill's owner and trainer, Charles Kelley. In doing so, she said that this cup should be given to a good horse, a good rider and a rider who knew the country. She felt that all three requirements were very adequately filled. All present were in accord with this.

MISSION VALLEY HUNT

Bunting Farm,
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Kansas.
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Recognized 1930.



After a month of cubbing, with varying degrees of success, the Mission Valley Hunt Club opened the season on November 5, at the Blue River Farm owned by our Master, Mrs. George Bunting, Jr. The day was extremely bright and crisp with autumn foliage at its best. There were approximately 45 horses in the field, which is large for us, and included about 15 or 20 juniors.

We moved by road north about a mile to enter Judge and Mrs. Welch's place. Within minutes hounds had picked up a line and were in full cry, fortunately moving south where we have a large expanse of

point, into another steep bank and climbing up. This had the effect of stringing the field out further. The field went on into the Gray's farm where hounds had a most welcome check. This gave the field a chance to bunch up again and the Secretary, who is also the correspondent, spent a very active five minutes rounding up juniors and shouting, "Keep off the wheat". Just as the last few came into sight, hounds picked up the line again and took us through an extremely thick valley. Finally bursting out of this, we found hounds making a wide loop. Almost simultaneously with our emergence they flushed a coyote. As we had heard from the Hill Toppers that they had viewed a fox, it was obvious that hounds had picked up a fresh line. The coyote sailed away across the Gray's and Mr. Uhlmann's place which has very little cover. It doubled back across



Mission Valley Hunt of Jackson County, Missouri, hacking home.

(Tyner and Murphy Photo)



Mrs. George Bunting, MFH and Mr. R. Hugh Uhlmann, Secretary of the Mission Valley (Mo.) Hunt.
(Tyner and Murphy Photo)

territory. The hunt moved after the pack in a fairly tight knit group, but as the chase lengthened, some of the juniors began to string out. Although the Welch place is only approximately 300 acres, the back part of it is fenced and of course fenced in the woods, so that it is extremely trap-py with several jumps. Hounds ran the fox in a continuing southerly direction, crossing the road right in front of the Hill Toppers and not too far from an in-and-out, which put us into the Bunting place. We continued to cross an open field of the Buntings which is bounded by a rather steeply cut stream, the banks of which are almost perpendicular. The only available crossing nearby involved going down a very steep bank, jumping the stream itself, which is only 4 ft. or 5 ft. wide at this

the Nichol's farm into a herd of cattle, and that was the end of it. Although we had viewed him almost constantly for the last mile and a half, none of us saw him leave the cattle field which is surrounded by woods and hounds could not pick up the line. The rest of the day was routine with a few cold lines, but nothing too definite, and by 1:30 we were glad to partake of Mrs. Bunting's hospitality in a hunt breakfast at her home on the farm.

On our arrival there we found several visitors from the Fort Leavenworth Hunt, the Nawns and the Browns, who joined their friends, the Waldners, who had hunted with us. At this time, we made plans for a joint hunt between Ft. Leavenworth and Mission Valley on Sunday, Dec. 11.

THE CHRONICLE

Tryon Hounds

Hunter Trials

The thermometer hovered around 65 degrees and there wasn't a cloud in the sky which made a perfect combination for participants and spectators alike. Mr. and Mrs. George Brannon were the hosts at the 1960 trials at their lovely Tryon Estate. Open Hunter, which had a record number of 25 entries, was won by Fox Covert Farm's consistent bay gelding Chance Lead, ridden by Glen Wenger. Next was the Pony Club Class, a new addition this year, to further the rapidly growing interest in that organization. It was won by Gerald Pack on Pacific Isle. The first of the 3 My Favorite Hunter events was won by Dr. Harry Brown, D.V.M. on his own Mister Jorlocks. Six hunt teams entered and the Tryon Hounds Team consisting of the Blockhouse's Colonymas, Mrs. W. E. Munk's Bogyp and Chance Lead were tied on top. L.L.L.

CORRESPONDENT: L.L.L.
PLACE: Tryon, North Carolina.
TIME: Nov. 12.
JUDGE: Christopher Wadsworth.

SUMMARIES:

Open hunters - 1. Chance Lead, Fox Covert Farm; 2. Colonymas, The Block House; 3. Misty Mazarin, Chiquapin Farm.

Pony club - 1. Pacific Isle, W.N.P.C. (Western N.C. Pony Club); 2. Tidewater, Ann Beveridge; 3. Snow Time, Anita Humphries.

My Favorite hunter - 1. Mister Jorlocks, Dr. Harry Brown; 2. Bogyp, Mrs. W. E. Munk; 3. Snow Time; 4. Count To Ten, Mrs. John F. Rooks.

Hunt teams - 1. Tryon Hounds - Colonymas, Bogyp, Chance Lead; 2. The Block Patch - Ashford Castle, The Cotton Patch, Royal Game, The Cotton Patch, Navy Commander, The Block House; 3. W.N.P.C. - Tidewater, Snow Time, John Slaughter, Lee Cowan.

"Why I Ride"

"I ride horseback because I prize my sleep, my digestion and my think-trap. I ride in order that I may work.

"I find that when I go in partnership with a good horse I keep my nerves from getting outside my clothes. I am better able to act sanely, serenely and happily, dispose of difficulties and surmount obstacles.

"A horse helps you 'to forget' it.

"A horse has no troubles of his own. He does not pour into your ear a sad tale of woe.

"One of the principal reasons why I have been able to do good work is because I have always kept on close, chummy terms with at least one good horse.

"It is a great thing to feel that you are bigger than the elements. And a horse of the right kind helps you to hypnotize yourself into the belief that you are a part of all you see and hear and feel. No man can have melancholia who loves a horse and is understood by one.

"You shake off your troubles and send cares flying into the wanton winds when your ride horseback."

(The above item was sent to us through the kindness of Fred M. Young, president of the Young Radiator Company, Racine, Wisconsin.)



Myopia Janice, winning hound at re-run of the New England Hunts Hound Trials, Nov. 28 at the old Norfolk Race Course, Medford, Mass., with Charles C. Rice, M.F.H. and Charles Jones standing by.



Team winners at the New England Hunts Hound Trials - Myopia Hunt entry - Charles Jone (L.) and Chuck Haley (R.) kennelmen. (Reynolds Photos)

New England Hound Show

On the day before the New England Hunts Hunter Trials, there was held the New England Hunts annual Hound Show. Best-in-Show went to Groton Statesman 1959 which had proved best of the Cross-Bred Foxhounds. Norfolk's Blissful 1957 was best American Foxhound. A summary of the Hound Show results appears below. William Almy, Jr., President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, put in a busy morning judging the hounds, and was most capably assisted by Mrs. Barbara Barty-King, who acted as Steward.

DATE: October 28.

PLACE: Norfolk Hunt Club Kennels, Dover, Mass.

JUDGE: William Almy, Jr., President, Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.

STEWARDS: Mrs. B. Barty-King.

AMERICAN FOXHOUNDS

Single Dog, Entered - 1. Millwood Cardiff '58 by Orange County Bellwood '52 - Orange County Comely '54; 2. Myopia Friendly '58 by Green Spring Valley Wexford '55 - Myopia Jasmine '51; 3. Myopia Arrow '58 by Green Spring Valley Wexford '55 - Myopia Jasmine '51; 4. Groton Albermarle '58 by Winnstay Kennels' Baldwin's Dan-O - Their Lady Wing.

Single Bitch, Entered - 1. Norfolk Blissful '57 by Norfolk Righteous '47 - Orange County Blossom '55; 2. Norfolk Bountiful '57 by Norfolk Righteous '47 - Orange County Blossom '55; 3. Norfolk Bountiful '57 by Norfolk Righteous '47 - Orange County Blossom '55; 4. Millwood Musical by Orange County Bellwood '52 - Orange County Midget '54; 4. Myopia Janice '58 by Green Spring Valley Wexford '55 - Myopia Jasmine '51.

Best American Foxhound - Norfolk Blissful '57 by Norfolk Righteous '47 - Orange County Blossom '55.

CROSS-BRED FOXHOUNDS

Single Dog, Unentered - 1. Groton Viking by Genesee Valley Barbican '55 - Old Chatham Sally '59; 2. Myopia Joker by Myopia Grasper '56 - Their Janice '58; 3. Myopia Jason by Myopia Grasper - Their Janice '58; 4. Norfolk Challenger by Norfolk Minstrel '58 - Their Macaroon '55.

Single Bitch, Unentered - 1. Groton Velvet by Genesee Valley Barbican '55 - Old Chatham Sally '59; 2. Myopia Jet by Myopia Grasper '56 - Their Janice '58; 3. Millwood Heather by Millwood Racket '50 - Millwood Casey '55; 4. Norfolk Solo by Norfolk Music '59 - Their Rimer '54. Single Dog, Entered - 1. Groton Statesman '59 by Groton Sleeve Wie '53 - Their Damsel '54; 2. Groton Belvedere '59 by Winnstay Kennels' Baldwin's Blaze II - Groton Dagmar '54; 3. Norfolk Magnet '55 by Norfolk Magic '47 - Their Castnets '50; 4. Groton Sampson '55 by Groton Sleeve Wie '53 - Their Ruth '52.

Single Bitch, Entered - 1. Groton Sapphire '59 by Groton Sleeve Wie '53 - Their Damsel '54; 2. Groton Blissful '58 by Winnstay Kennels' Baldwin's Blaze II - Groton Darling '54; 3. Groton Basher '59 by Winnstay Kennels' Baldwin's Blaze II - Groton Dagmar '54; 4. Groton Nimble '58 by Winnstay Kennels' Baldwin's Nashua - Groton Dagmar '54. Best Cross-bred Foxhound - Groton Statesman '59 by Groton Sleeve Wie '53 - Their Damsel '54.

Best In Show - Groton Statesman '59 by Groton Sleeve Wie '53 - Their Damsel '54.

Landowner Relations

In just a few days Virginia's outdoor recreation season will swing into high gear. The state's general hunting season opens on November 21 and in the months that follow many thousands of Virginia citizens and out-of-state visitors will cover the countryside in effort to get the most out of Virginia's great outdoors.

Among this multitude will be many hunters and fishermen. Many of them will seek to pursue their sport on the property of farmers and other landowners. As the fishing season progresses and the fall hunting seasons begin, we will again hear the disgruntled comment of sportsmen and landowners.

From the landowner - "A fisherman left my pasture gate open and my cattle got out"; "Some hunters left a campfire burning in my woodlot"; "Some sportsmen left a pile of rubbish along the creek running through my meadow".

From the sportsman - "There's a No Trespassing sign on every farm in the valley"; "I asked five farmers for permission and never did find a place to hunt"; "We've got to do something about all of these No Fishing signs".

The old problem of poor landowner-sportsman's relations brought about primarily by a few inconsiderate hunters and fishermen will again plague responsible sportsmen and fair-minded landowners in nearly every area of the state.

The problem of poor relation between landowners and sportsmen is not new. It has been with us for a long time and we don't profess to have any pat answers which will solve it. However, we do suggest one plan of action on the part of the sportsman which might help.

It goes without saying that the sportsman should ask permission before entering a landowner's property. This is not only common courtesy but is also the law. We think he could go one step further. It could be of great benefit if he would make prior arrangements with the landowner before the hunting season begins or before he plans a day of fishing on the farmer's property.

The average city dweller makes reservations before he goes bowling. He makes reservations at a good restaurant when he takes his wife to dinner on New Year's Eve. He buys tickets several weeks in advance if he plans to attend a top college football game. Yet all too often, come the opening day of hunting season, he and his friends, armed with big game rifles or shotguns, drive to some farmer's home, get him out of bed at four in the morning and are very unhappy if he doesn't allow them the privilege of hunting on his property.

The average resident fisherman spends

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The Bridlespur Hunt (Mo.) getting ready to move off after the Blessing of Hounds. James B. Orthwein, MFH, and "Moonshine" in foreground. (Todd Studios, Inc.)

BRIDLESPUR HUNT

Defiance,
St. Charles County,
Missouri.
Established 1927.
Recognized 1929.



The Bridlespur Hunt was host over the weekend of November 12 at its Ninth Annual Hunter Trials and Joint Meet to guests from five states, representing six recognized Hunts.

The weekend festivities included a Hunt Ball, which was held at The Bath & Tennis Club of St. Louis, on Friday night; the all-day Hunter Trials on Saturday; a cocktail party Saturday evening at the Deer Creek Club; and the Blessing of the Hounds and Joint Meet on Sunday. A Hunt breakfast was held at Bridlespur directly following the Meet.

Mr. James Wiley of Middleburg, Virginia was Judge at the Hunter Trials. Fair skies and mild weather provided good footing for the horses as they negotiated the recently completed two-and-one-half mile course on the Hunt Club grounds. This course stretches over beautifully rolling countryside, with plenty of room between fences to watch horses move, and provide an unobstructed view for judges and spectators of each of the nine obstacles involved.

The Championship went to Steel Strike, owned and ridden by Mr. Phillip Olatt Smith, Jr., of Bridlespur, with Mr. Dudley Fort of Nashville, Tennessee taking the reserve honors on his good grey horse, Waterford.

Following the Blessing of the Hounds on Sunday, a field of fifty moved off behind Mr. Andrew J. Shinkle, M.F.H. The Huntsman to the twelve couple of American hounds was Mr. James B. Orthwein, M.F.H., assisted by Honorary Whippers-In Robert E. Dunstan and Louis Werner.

Among those present were Mrs. Joseph A. Bricker of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. George Skel of Greenwich, Conn.; Mrs. Frank Berry, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall,

Mr. Richard Jones, Mr. Dudley Fort and Mr. Jack Bass of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. Henry Reed of Long Island; Mr. Edgar Iglehart of Newburgh, Indiana and Mr. Walter Staley, Sr., of Mexico, Missouri.

The day was sunny and warm and after a thirty-minute hack Mr. Orthwein cooled hounds off in the creek before casting them in the heavy covert behind Schwede's farm. Hounds tried hard and hunted well; however, when they were still unable to pick up a line after drawing some twelve miles of country, the Master decided to call it a day, due to the extreme heat and poor scenting conditions.

The field did an excellent job of staying with the hounds over the rough, thickly wooded country hunted and of negotiating the trappy fences involved. Needless to say, they were most eager to partake of the food and refreshment which awaited them, amid the strains of Jack Field's orchestra, at the Hunt Club directly following the Meet.

SUMMARIES:

CH: Steel Strike, Phillip Platt Smith, Jr.
RESERVE CH: Waterford, Dudley Fort.

Lightweight hunters - 1. Steel Strike; 2. Kolatra, Mrs. Lynn Firestone; 3. Corrigan, Dr. R. F. Albee.

Middweight and heavyweight hunters - 1. Waterford; 2. Felix, Mrs. Louis Werner II; 3. Sister Jayne, Mary Mitchell; 4. Happy Landing, Mrs. Clarkson Carpenter.

Junior foxhunters challenge award - 1. Understudy, Otis Brown, Jr.; 2. Sir Gordon, Otis Brown, Jr.; 3. Kimberly, Karen Dube; 4. Blazing Beans, Otis Brown, Jr.

Green working hunter - 1. Blazing Beans; 2. Gray Savage, Jack Bass; 3. Bed of Snow, Mrs. Lynn Firestone; 4. Corrigan, Dr. R. F. Albee.

Ladies hunter challenge award - 1. Waterford; 2. Kolatra; 3. Felix; 4. Revenco, Andrew J. Shinkle.

Ladies green hunter - 1. Joel Fox, Dr. G. Peter Nagel; 2. Gray Savage; 3. Poetry, William Hall; 4. Rice Pudding, Mrs. Joseph Bricker.

Beginners jumper - 1. Morgan Dyer; 2. Julie Strong; 3. Pete Meissner; 4. Cindy Shinkle; 5. Elinor Homer; 6. Clarkson Carpenter III.

Beginners hunter seat equitation: walk, trot and canter - Beginners - 1. Morgan Dyer; 2. Pete Meissner; 3. Ned Barrier; 4. Elinor Homer. Advanced - 1. Otis Brown, Jr.; 2. Molly Lloyd; 3. Julie Strong; 4. Karen Dube; 5. Judy Ware.

Corinthian hunter challenge award - 1. Steel Strike; 2. Felix; 3. Gray Savage; 4. Kolatra.

Green hunter appointment class - 1. Joel Fox; 2. Irish Mist; J. B. Orthwein; 3. Poetry; 4. Blazing Beans.

Working hunter hack challenge award - 1. Sir Gordon; 2. Steel Strike; 3. Bed of Snow; 4. Felix.

Landowner Relations

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five days in pursuit of his sport each year. The average sportsman spends less than 20 days hunting big game and birds. Surely he can find some time during the remaining 11 months to make contacts and arrangements with landowners if he wishes the privilege of hunting and fishing on private property.

If the farmer knows who, how many, and when he just might give the responsible sportsman a friendlier greeting.

(Virginia Wildlife)



Eglinton Hunter Trials

Rained out on Oct. 2nd, the postponement of The Eglinton Hunter Trials to Oct. 16th was well worth waiting for. Lots of entries, smooth performances, and best of all for The Hunt, a fabulous crowd.

The courses which varied with each event were over a nice piece of rolling country - fences were fairly easy and straight forward with space to gallop on between fences, but there was enough roll to the land and turns to prove horses of good manners.

The final competitions for The Eglinton Masters Shields, which had had two previous competitions in the series, were held at the Hunter Trials. Grand winner of the Senior Shield was St. Patrick owned by Brig. F. C. Wallace, M.F.H., and ridden by Walter Pady. Grand Winner of the Junior Shield was Bally Hi owned and ridden by Norah Bladen; Mrs. Robert Dale-Harris won the Kindersley Trophy. Broadview

CORRESPONDENT: Broadview.

PLACE: The properties of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Harmon, Mr. Alan Skait, and Mr. Ian Crookston in Markham Township, Ontario, Canada, corner of Steeles Ave. and Leslie St. 1 1/4 miles north of The Eglinton Hunt Club.

TIME: Oct. 16.

JUDGE: Frank R. Richardson, Jr., M.F.H.

SUMMARIES:

McGuinness Challenge Trophy, under 18 - 1. Anonymous, Toby Kilgour; 2. Big Secret, Ann Padfield; 3. Jersey Bounce, Debbie Scott; 4. S'no Fair, Pene Umphrey.

Jr. Master's Shield - 1. Bally Hi, Norah Bladen; 2. High Tide, Mary El Loughheed; 3. Jersey Bounce; 4. Dark Story, Peter Jaffray.

Gordon Perry Challenge Trophy, green hunters - 1. Captains Table, Mr. & Mrs. E. Fowler; 2. A. B. Wells, Lt. Col. Charles Baker; 3. Juniper, Mrs. R. Wooley; 4. Bally Hi Pairs of Jr. hunters - 1. Amundale Lad, Mary McConnell, Mike, Judy Budd; 2. Dale, Garth Thomson, Bay Sensation, Gordon Hammond; 3. Maximus, Elizabeth Armstrong, Tainony, Mike McGow; 4. Anonymous, Jersey Bounce. Col. Stuart C. Bate Challenge Trophy, working hunters - 1. St. Patrick, Brig. F. C. Wallace, M.F.H.; 2. Seagurt, Mrs. Tom Gayford; 3. Rosalea, Mrs. J. W. Roussom; 4. A. B. Wells. Paul W. Matthews Challenge Trophy, inter-club teams - 1. Toronto & North York Hunt; 2. Eglinton Hunt.

Sr. Master's Shield - 1. Hi Ball, Maj. Charles Kindersley, M.F.H.; 2. Spinaker, Mrs. Robert Dale-Harris; 3. Big Secret; 4. St. Patrick; 5. Dilmun, Moffat Dunlap; 6. Copper John, J. C. Cakebread.

Clifford Sifton Challenge Trophy, qualified working hunters - 1. Rosalea; 2. Grey Blazer, John Roussom; 3. Seagurt; 4. Star Cliff, Susan McBrien.

Eglinton Hunt Challenge Trophy, hunt teams - 1. Rosalea, Grey Blazer, High Tide; 2. Seagurt, Steelworker, Ballymena, Mrs. John Addison; 3. High Ball, St. Patrick, Bacardi, Richard Kindersley; 4. Mike, Silver Cloud, Georgia Rumble, Little John, Monty Beber.

Friday, December 23, 1960

MILL CREEK HUNT CLUB

R.F.D. 1,
Wadsworth, Illinois.
(P.O. Address—1 S. Genesee St.,
Waukegan, Illinois.)
Established 1920.
Re-Recognized 1949.



The Mill Creek Hunter Trials on October 23 were another pleasant occasion in this year's sport. The day was windy and cool and a bit rugged for spectators, but ideal for horses and riders. The course was not difficult, yet it gave a good chance for hunters to show pace. Laid over regular hunting fences, there was no artificiality about any part of the trial. In fact it has been our great fortune, through the kindness of Mr. Temple Smith who raises Lippizzans and Haflingers which must be kept in at this time, to have the trials on property that is not only typical, but an example of middle-western farmland at its best. Oak woods, corn fields, open and gently rolling pastureland form the background for our day in the country.

Mr. Thomas Rankin and Mr. Howard Tilson came up from Kentucky to judge and did a thorough and most satisfactory day's work. Color was added to the occasion by the appearance of Mr. & Mrs. William Wood Prince driving their unique ponies, the only ones of their kind in the country, born and raised on a small island in the Gulf of Mexico and thought to be descendants of horses brought over by Cortes in 1519. There were also familiar faces from Virginia; the Donald Ryersons, John Andrews Kings, the John Pieres and Mrs. Howard Lynn.

In the senior events top laurels went to Cherry Bay owned and ridden by Mrs. Malcolm Walker, Whipper-In, and to Jereboam owned by Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter and ridden by her son Dorr. Among the juniors, some of whom came down from Milwaukee, Here's How owned by Miss Betsy Cluxton of Lake Forest and ably ridden by Miss Elizabeth Strachen, and Abrigant owned and ridden by Miss Sally McMahon of Milwaukee carried off the honors.

P.B.H.

The total results were as follows:



Phillip Platt Smith, Jr. on Steel Strike, champion of the Bridlespur Hunt. (Mo.) Hunter Trials.

Junior hunters - 1. Here's How, Betsy Cluxton; 2. Reddish, Ethel Olmsted; 3. C. R. Sador, Susie Frackerton; 4. Wise Image, Frances Bowers.

Lightweight hunter - 1. Cherry Bay, Mrs. Malcolm Walker; 2. Avier, Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Tiekens; 3. Peanut Picker, Mrs. Rutledge Bermingham; 4. Rough Lady, Mrs. James Simpson. Middle and heavyweight hunter - 1. Jereboam, Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter; 2. Goodwood, Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter; 3. Lulu, Miss Jackie Boynton; 4. Sterling, Mr. Philip Watrous. Junior field hunter. Entries to perform in a group behind a field master - 1. Here's How, Betsy Cluxton; 2. Tatler, Bill Frackerton; 3. Reddish, Ethel Olmsted; 4. Wise Image, Frances Bowers.

Peapotty Challenge Trophy for open hunters - 1. Jereboam, Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter; 2. Cherry Bay, Mrs. Malcolm Walker; 3. Peanut Picker, Mrs. Rutledge Bermingham; 4. Idolatra, Mrs. Lynn Firestone.

Open junior hunter - 1. Abrigant, Sally McMahon; 2. Here's How, Betsy Cluxton; 3. Peacock, Suzie Feld; 4. Wise Image, Frances Bowers.

Senior hunt teams - 1. Mill Creek Bays; Cherry Bay, Mrs. Malcolm Walker, Peanut Picker, Mrs. Rutledge Bermingham, Idolatra, Mrs. Lynn Firestone; 2. Mill Creek Bays; Whipper, Mr. David Jennings, Rough Lady, Mrs. James Simpson, Outpost, Mr. Hulburd Johnston; 3. Mill Creek Greys; Esprit de Coq, Mrs. James Simpson, Hennessy, Mill Creek Hunt, Maggie, Miss Sally Feld.

Junior hunt teams - 1. Mill Creek Juniors; Here's How, Betsy Cluxton, Worthwhile, Joan Behr, Wise Image, Frances Bowers; 2. Milwaukee Juniors; Tatler, Bill Frackerton, Lulu, Jackie Boynton, Peacock, Suzie Feld; 3. Mill Creek Juniors; Pogo, Toni Reilly, Reddish, Ethel Olmsted, Bay Prince, Sue Weatherford.

Mill Creek Challenge Trophy, senior division: Jereboam, Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter, ridden by Dorr Carpenter. Junior hunter champion: Here's How, Betsy Cluxton; ridden by Elizabeth Strachen.

WEST HILLS HUNT

8480 Beverly Boulevard,
Los Angeles,
California.
Established 1949.
Recognized 1959.



On Saturday morning, November 19, the West Hills Hunt, following blessing of the Hounds and a stirrup cup, held its Opening Hunt at Thousand Oaks, California. A field of eighty (80) riders turned out for this, the most colorful Hunt in West Hills history. Hundreds of hill-toppers and spectators from vantage points atop the hills could easily keep the Field in view most of the time. The drag was laid over the Ed Janss Rancho Conejo and over the property of Hon. Field Master, George Burns - who still, unfortunately, is confined and missed his first Opening Hunt in 12 years. Hounds behaved well, once again Speck proved to all that he is still the lead hound.

Hunt membership is at an all time high. Members van from San Diego - 140 miles South and from Santa Barbara, 100 miles North. We were just beginning to think that pink coats were no longer a novelty in the West until opening hunt; we rode parallel to the Freeway and caused a three-car pile up and traffic to be backed up for miles.

The West Hills Hunt enjoyed a week of hunting at Rancho Corte Madera, 200 miles South of kennels (50 miles East of San Diego), at the invitation of our Treasurer, Harold Ramser, and members enjoyed two successive days of hunting (the first week-end). The Ramser Ranch located in Pine Valley 4,000 feet high in Pine Valley, abounds in foxes. At six A.M. Saturday, hounds were cast and immediately picked up a line which lead us deep into Long Valley. Where the fox was lost in a thicket of manzanita. The next run

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took us through the Indian Ruins and into Bear Valley. By this time the sun had fully risen and scenting became impossible.

At all times we were within sight of the range of mountains that mark the Mexican border. As the "gone away" sounded, light was just coming to the sky that is constantly observed from nearby Palomar. The clarity of the atmosphere in the area gave promise of a day of penetrating blue overhead and limitless views.

Host Ramser had thoughtfully panelled the Ranch so that all sections were readily accessible. Chicken-coops and natural post-and-rails were strategically placed throughout the 47,000 acres. On Sunday a drag was laid over varied country - rolling hills, a grassy lakeside, California foothills and desert-type river bottoms. It could be witnessed effectively from the Ramser's hilltop home, the site of our stirrup cup and gathering place for numerous guests who had come out from all over the Southland.

During the week the Huntsman took

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hounds out every morning and by the week-end, when the members returned, hounds were very keen after several kills. Saturday at 6:00 AM hounds found within ten minutes after they were cast. After an hour's run, the fox went to earth deep in the cactus covered rocky cliffside. A second fox gave us a run for well over an hour. Finally the morning sun dried up the scent and a tired group returned to the Ramsers for breakfast.

Sunday, our final hunt at Corte Madera, was most eventful. Two long runs with hounds killing deep in the woods. This week of live hunting spoiled West Hills - drag hunting now seems so uneventful.

The West Hills Hunt is a mobile hunt of enthusiastic members who willingly travel to likely hunting grounds within a 200 mile radius. Those who rode at Corte Madera will long remember picturesque landmarks like the Indian Pot

Holes, lofty Mt. Pinos and the abandoned Gold Mines, particularly the warm hospitality of Betty and Harold Ramser.

FRANCIS GREENE'S HUNTING TOUR

(EDITOR'S NOTE: - The following letter recently reached us from Francis Greene of the Warrenton Hunt, Warrenton, Va., who made quite a reputation for himself as a rider over fences at the hunt race meetings and at the point-to-points not many years ago.)

So far I have had 4 GOOD days last week with the Heythrop and the Warwickshire and 2 this week, not so good. Next week I get Monday and Wednesday with the Heythrop which is today one of the five or six most fashionable packs in England, with unspoiled country, little wire, many Cotswold stonewalls and the best pack of hounds I've ever hunted with. Capt. Ronnie Wallace richly deserves his reputation as

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the best huntsman in England, "bar the Duke." He is very fast and one seldom has a check of more than 3 or 5 minutes, if that. The going is very deep due to the unprecedented fall rains so that neither hounds nor the field goes at anything like our pace in Virginia. Hence, it is not difficult to stay in the same or the next field with hounds until, lacking a second horse, one HAS to pull out.

For the benefit of any who may wish to get a bit of hunting in the Midlands of England, I UNRESERVEDLY recommend John D. Tilke of Snitterfield, near Stratford On Avon, Phone Snitterfield 216. Horses are extremely difficult to hire in England and I was shot with luck to meet up with Mr. Tilke who has mounted me superbly for six days of hunting on hunters that are both easy to ride and which keep even a stranger like me in the first flight.

Sincerely, Francis Greene

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The 4th Annual Myopia Hunt Horse Trials

An Cappaleen Ban

The 4th Annual Myopia Horse Trials, held under the auspices of the United States Combined Training Association, took place on October 15th and 16th at Hamilton, Mass., site of the 1961 Wofford Cup. Previously a One Day Event, this year the Trials were held in conjunction with the Myopia Hunter Trials and were extended to two days. To encourage enthusiasm and participation among a greater number of the hunting field, horses were permitted to compete in individual phases, though to be eligible for the championship the same horse and rider had to complete all three phases.

The Dressage and Cross Country phases were held at Frederic Winthrop's Groton House Farm on October 15th, a warm and sunny Saturday. Six horses in the Open Division performed the French Regional Test, the completion of which saw Bird-in-Hand (Iris Winthrop) leading Sorceress, (the Vermont entry of Jennifer Smith), and Rockette (Betsy Fogarty). The Novice 'N' Test was won by Colonel F. R. Appleton on Prince Judah, with Benny (Joan Griffith) second, and Colonel Appleton third with Coastal Fox, all three being entered in the Dressage only. This phase was ably judged by Michael Page, of the U. S. Olympic Three Day team, assisted by Colonel Norman E. Fiske.

As soon as the last horse left the Dres-



Mrs. Donald Little's Four Acres, ridden by Mrs. Crocker Snow, winner of the novice cross country division at the 1960 Myopia Hunt Horse Trials.

(Reynolds Photo)

sage ring and the final Fence Judge was posted, the Cross Country phase got under way. The Open horses, twelve in all, were allowed 10 minutes to complete the 2.7 mile course of 30 jumps, most of which were in full view of the spectators. The course, a fair test of equine ability and the rider's judgement, was run in the reverse direction from previous years and included some new fences, which will be adapted to the 1961 Wofford Cup. The horses started out over three board aikes, leading to the Ipswich River ford - luckily not at its deepest. Once on the other side of the river, they had to negotiate an oxer, 8' water jump, pen, log panel, and double before crossing back to climb the ski hill with log jump on top. This effort caused no trouble, and the next series of obstacles, feed sacks, hay bales, and barrels, were on somewhat more even ground. A spread into pine woods, followed by a fallen tree and chicken coop brought horse and rider to the wide tree trunk, felled, courtesy of a New England summer storm, on the take-off side of a ditch. In quick succession followed the cordwood and several post and rails situated on good galloping terrain. The horses then disappeared over a broad wall, followed by a ditch and bank combination and another wall, before reappearing to finish over an aiken, in-and-out, and the piece de resistance, the formidable hay castle, directly facing the onlookers.

The standard of performance was high, and the winner of the individual cross country award was M.F.H. C. G. Rice on Ballaman, who came in one minute early! Of the horses competing for the combined championship, Sorceress gained a small lead over Bird-in-Hand and Sir Andrew (Iris Winthrop) respectively.

The Novice horses competed over essentially the same course, shortened to 2.3 miles and with several of the more difficult jumps omitted. The individual cross country award went to Mrs. Donald Little's Four Aces, ridden by Mrs. Crocker Snow. Seven contestants entered the Novice Cross Country phase, and of those competing for the overall prize, Mrs. Frederic Pearson on Silver Stream secured a sizeable lead over Microse (Patricia Harrigan) and Napoleon (Virginia Pearson).

Sunday, October 16th, dawned cold and damp, but luckily the rain held off until the end of the Stadium Jumping at the Myopia Practice Polo Field. The beautiful stadium jumps belonging to Mrs. Francis P. Sears formed a miniature international course, with great variety

and several changes of direction. The Open horses went first over the course of ten jumps, some of which were maximum height (3'11"). Sir Andrew was first to go performing confidently with only the garden gate down. Sorceress, striving to maintain her slim lead over Bird-in-Hand, ran into difficulty at the painted barrels and the in-and-out. Bird-in-Hand, the every-youthful sixteen-year-old, then put in a brilliant round, clear except for the garden gate, (his rider's nemesis!), to end up in first place, winning the Seaworthy Memorial Challenge Trophy over his stablemate Sir Andrew and Sorceress, in that order.

In the Novice Division over a slightly modified course, Silver Stream jumped faultlessly to win the Showboat Memorial Challenge Trophy for owner-rider Mrs. F. Pearson with Microse second and Napoleon third.

The presentation of awards marked the end of a most successful sporting event, made possible by the enthusiastic efforts of organizers, officials and participants, and which once again demonstrated the close relationship between Combined Training and Hunting.

RESULTS:

Open championship - The Seaworthy Memorial Challenge Plate - 1. Bird-in-Hand, I. Winthrop, -88.9; 2. Sir Andrew, I. Winthrop, -93.5; 3. Sorceress, J. Smith, -105.83.
Open dressage - 1. Bird-in-Hand, I. Winthrop, -55.5; 2. Sorceress, J. Smith, -72.5; 3. Rockette, B. Fogarty, -73.5.
Open cross-country - 1. Ballaman, C. G. Rice; 2. Sir Andrew, I. Winthrop; 3. Sorceress, J. Smith.

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Open stadium jumping - 1. Sir Andrew, L. Winthrop; 2. Bird-in-Hand, L. Winthrop; 3. Mr. Sparks, Mrs. R. C. Storey. Novice championship - The Showboat Memorial Challenge Trophy - 1. Silver Stream, Mrs. F. Pearson, -89.5; 2. Microse, P. Harrigan, -239.6; 3. Napoleon, V. Pearson, -383.7.

Novice dressage - 1. Prince Judah, F. R. Appleton, -48.5; 2. Benny, J. Griffith, -50.0; 3. Coastal Fox, F. R. Appleton, -63.0.

Novice cross-country - 1. Four Aces, Mrs. D. Little; 2. Rebecca, L. Carter; 3. Silver Stream, Mrs. F. Pearson. Novice stadium jumping - 1. Silver Stream, Mrs. F. Pearson; 2. Sugartown, Mrs. E. Hogan; 3. Microse, P. Harrigan. Myopia hunter trials - Master's Cup - 1. Fortune Hunter, Neil R. Ayer; 2. Sir Andrew, L. Winthrop. Kennel's cup - 1. Four Aces, Mrs. D. Little, (Mrs. C. Snow, rider).

HOLLEY HILL FARM

CORRESPONDENT: Jorrock's.

PLACE: Salisbury, Conn.

TIME: Nov. 26.

JUDGE: Mrs. Hilda Stocken.

HORSEMANSHIP CH: Sally Nuese.

HUNTER CH: Posen, Holley Hill Farm.

PONY HUNTER CH: The Flying Scotchman, Holley Hill Farm.

JUMPER CH: Carry the Ball, Holley Hill Farm.

SUMMARIES:

HorsemanSHIP, hunter seat, under 12 - 1. Annette Jones; 2. Emmy Cole; 3. Irene Baver; 4. Danny Hager; 5. Tommy Schneider; 6. Jn Patterson.

Pony hunters - 1. The Flying Scotchman, Holley Hill Farm; 2. Abu, Molly Thompson; 3. Mr. Pink, Holley Hill Farm; 4. Little Mister, Holley Hill Farm.

Open jumpers - 1. Carry the Ball, Holley Hill Farm; 2. Posen, Holley Hill Farm; 3. The Duke, Eileen Jones; 4. Abu.

Obedience Class - 1. Annette Jones; 2. Eileen Jones; 3.



Iris Winthrop on Bird-In-Hand, winner of the open division of the 1960 Myopia Hunt Horse Trials.

Boulder Brook

Boulder Brook didn't seem the same with balmy weather instead of its usual bluster, but it is doubtful if anyone among the exhibitors or spectators minded. The unseasonable mildness allowed a number of classes to be held in the outdoor ring so the show was over by midnight instead of the usual early morning hours.

McLain Street, fresh from his Toronto triumph, again under the riding of Johnny Bell, was jumper champion with young Brooke Miller riding her little grey Sandpiper to the reserve, not to be confused with Joy Doniger's ch. Sandpiper, ridden by Dave Kelley to reserve working behind Mrs. Spear and Best o'Luck.

Roddy Wanamaker started off right by winning the first junior class on Good 'n Safe, but failed by a hair to retire two challenge trophies on which he and his sister Wendy had two legs, placing second to Quaker Maid in the open and reserve by one point to Fly-by-Night for the Championship.

Hank Minchin of Round Hill was horse-



Mrs. Frederick Pearson on Silver Stream, winner of the novice division of the Myopia Trials.

Sally Baver; 4. Holly Simpson.

HorsemanSHIP, beginners - 1. Danny Hager; 2. Mark Bennett; 3. Carolyn Thompson; 4. Heather England; 5. Kathryn Crockett; 6. Linda Bushnell.

Working hunters - 1. Posen; 2. Simple Simon, Sally Nuese; 3. Royal Flush, Holley Hill Farm; 4. Carry the Ball.

Pony hunters under saddle - 1. Abu; 2. Gimlet, Holley Hill Farm; 3. Mr. Pink; 4. Little Mister.

Knockdown & out - 1. Carry the Ball; 2. Playmate, George Crockett; 3. The Duke.

Handy hunters - 1. Posen; 2. Carry the Ball; 3. Merry Miss, Holley Hill Farm; 4. Victoria, Holley Hill Farm.

HorsemanSHIP, walk trot - 1. Cory Kalse; 2. Pam Patterson; 3. Alyce Jane Senior; 4. Patty Bushnell.

HorsemanSHIP, under 10 - 1. Nancy Burton; 2. Carol Nichols; 3. Dennis Crockett; 4. Janet Bennett; 5. Kathryn Crockett; 6. Kit Garovoy.

Handy pony hunters - 1. The Flying Scotchman; 2. Gimlet; 3. Abu.

HorsemanSHIP over jumps, under 12 - 1. Nancy Burton; 2. Don Patterson; 3. Annette Jones; 4. Carol Nichols; 5. David Crockett; 6. Irene Baver.

HorsemanSHIP over jumps, 12-18 - 1. George Crockett; 2. Polly Simonton; 3. Diane Dodge; 4. Anita Dodge; 5. Kathy Coons; 6. Helen Jackson.

Open jumpers - 1. Victoria; 2. Playmate; 3. Carry the Ball.

Hunters under saddle - 1. Simple Simon; 2. Carry the Ball; 3. Posen; 4. Victoria.

HorsemanSHIP, hunter seat, 12-18 - 1. Kathy Coons; 2. Sally Nuese; 3. Diane Dodge; 4. Anita Dodge; 5. Barbara Burton; 6. Nancy Davis.

Pleasure horses, hunter type - 1. Carry the Ball; 2. The Archbishop, Barbara Scoville; 3. Royal Flush; 4. Simple Simon.

Pony road hacks - 1. Cherokee, Irene Baver; 2. Mr. Pink; 3. Gimlet; 4. The Flying Scotchman.

manship champion for the second time while Boulder Brook's Ellen Bongard was reserve and won the Maclay. Hank also won the Homewood special horsemanSHIP class over Al's special nightmare course, while John Strohmeier, who had two legs on that trophy, had to settle for the first Medal win of the new season.

After Boulder Brook show people return to hunting and to planning for next year's shows, and so it was as usual. See you there next spring! Starberry Fox

CORRESPONDENT: Starberry Fox.

PLACE: Scarsdale, N.Y.

TIME: Nov. 26-27.

JUDGES: Chris Wadsworth, Paul Fout, Stephen Hawkins.

JUMPER CH: McLain Street, Duffy Stables.

RES: Sandpiper, Brooke Miller.

WORKING HUNTER CH: Best o'Luck, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Spear.

RES: Sandpiper, Joy Doniger.

GREEN WORKING HUNTER CH: Little Fiddle, My Play Stables.

RES: Champ's Bit, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Berry.

JR. WORKING HUNTER CH: Fly-by-Night, Lucy Cullman.

RES: Good 'n Safe, Roddy & Wendy Wanamaker.

HORSEMANSHIP CH: Hank Minchin.

RES: Ellen Bongard.

SUMMARIES:

Maiden horsemanSHIP - 1. Sally Robertson; 2. Deborah Blodgett; 3. Denise Fugazy; 4. Shelly Regano; 5. Robin Lane; 6. Eve Kraus.

Open jumper - 1. McLain Street, Duffy Stables; 2. Porpoise, James Shuttleworth; 3. Little Scubbie, Danny Lopez; 4. Cameo, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Shapiro.

Novice horsemanSHIP - 1. Sue Peverley; 2. Mary Goodkind; 3. Robin Lane; 4. Eve Kraus; 5. Gerry Garham; 6. Katrin Barth.

Limit working hunter - 1. Champ's Bit, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Berry; 2. Copper Cola, A. G. Homewood; 3. Randall's Baron, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown; 4. Sumner, Beth Ifland.

Jr. hunter - 1. Good 'n Safe, Roddy & Wendy Wanamaker; 2. Troublemaker, A. L. Traurig; 3. Fly-by-Night, Lucy Cullman; 4. Mama's Mink, Kathy Higgins.

Open working hunter - 1. Best o'Luck, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Spear; 2. Sandpiper, Joy Doniger; 3. Gangster, Mystery Stable; 4. Chappaqua, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson.

Limit horsemanSHIP - 1. Sally Dunham; 2. Kathy Headley; 3. George Bennett; 4. Barbara Walzer; 5. Mary Goodkind; 6. Robin Lane.

Open horsemanSHIP, A - 1. Carol Altman; 2. John Strohmeier; 3. Lucy Cullman; 4. Pat Heuckeroth; 5. Ellen Bongard; 6. Mary Louise Mills; B - 1. Hank Minchin; 2. Kathy Higgins; 3. Bernie Traurig; 4. Sally Williams; 5. Glen Maureen Fiddes; 6. Kim Jacobsen.

Obedience class - 1. Oriana Cherrio, Saddle River Riding Club; 2. Sparkling Burgundy, Deborah Blodgett; 3. King Sensational, Sally Pearce; 4. Strutter Easter Lady, Elena Mannes.

F.E.L. jumper - 1. McLain Street; 2. Navy Salute, Duffy Stables; 3. Qui Sait, Bertram Firestone; 4. Pedro, Harry deLeyer.

ASPCA Maclay - 1. Ellen Bongard; 2. John Strohmeier; 3. Patricia Heuckeroth; 4. Bernie Traurig; 5. John Mann; 6. Sally Dunham.

Amateur working hunter - 1. Best o'Luck; 2. Little Sombbrero, Wendy & Roddy Wanamaker; 3. Brad, Mrs. Ivan van Suttka; 4. Sandpiper.

Hunter hack - 1. Sand Ruler, Jackson Clemmey; 2. Quaker Maid, Margaret Falk; 3. Fox Flag, Barbara Bongard; 4. Fly-by-Night.

Open working hunter - 1. Champ's Bit; 2. Airwell, Julian Trenholm; 3. Moonlight Gambler, Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Kelly, Jr.; 4. Sumner.

Special open jumper - 1. Sandpiper, Brooke Miller; 2. Navy Salute; 3. Qui Sait; 4. Stock Exchange, Charles Wood.

Green working hunter hack - 1. Little Fiddle, My Play Stables; 2. Randall's Baron; 3. Dear Junior, Mrs. W. R. Harris; 4. Captain Hook, Julie Kardon.

Jr. working hunter - 1. Quaker Maid; 2. Good 'n Safe; 3. Regulator, Ellen Bongard; 4. Nibbles, Jane Wolfson.

Green working hunter, appointments - 1. Airwell; 2. Randall's Baron; 3. Fire Sand, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson; 4. Air Dome, Kimberton Hills Farm.

Working hunter, appointment - 1. Sandpiper; 2. Best o'Luck; 3. Lillibuck, Lilliput Farm; 4. Gold Coin, Mrs. John J. Farrell.

Knockdown & out - 1. McLain Street; 2. Golden Chance, Bert Firestone; 3. Red Shoes, Mr. & Mrs. Alden Calkins; 4. Sweet Cap, St. Jude's Horse Show Assn.

Open jumper - 1. McLain Street; 2. Qui Sait; 3. Golden Chance; 4. Quick Trade, Foal Run Farms.

Jr. working hunter hack - 1. Fly-by-Night; 2. Beelzebub, Margaret Falk; 3. Star General, Kim Jacobsen; 4. Chitko, Marie Louise Mills.

AHSA Medal, hunting seat - 1. John Strohmeier; 2. Bernie Traurig; 3. Patricia Heuckeroth; 4. Jenny Holmes; 5. Beverly Kantor; 6. Carol Bailey.

Green working hunter - 1. Champ's Bit; 2. Ilse, Connie Cole; 3. Air Dome; 4. Moonlight Gambler.

Jr. jumper - 1. Little Scubbie; 2. Pete, Pat Heuckeroth; 3. Beelzebub; 4. Wayward Wind, Kathy Andrews.

Working hunter - 1. Little Sombbrero; 2. Chappaqua; 3. Sandpiper; 4. Best o'Luck.

Jr. hunter - 1. Regulator; 2. Light Pass, Carol Altman; 3. Beelzebub; 4. Quaker Maid.
 Open jumper - 1. Tiny Tim, Warren Hauser; 2. Quick Trade; 3. Round Hill, Round Hill Stables; 4. Sandpiper.
 Jr. working hunter - 1. Trademark, Hank Minchin; 2. Fly-by-Night; 3. Regulator; 4. Good 'n Safe.
 Homewood Challenge Trophy - 1. Hank Minchin; 2. Patricia Heuckeroth; 3. Lucy Cullman; 4. Paula Pfister; 5. Bernie Traurig; 6. Francine Farkas.
 Lady's working hunter - 1. Best o' Luck; 2. Chappaqua; 3. Little Sombra; 4. Sandpiper.
 Green working hunter - 1. Little Fiddle; 2. Dear Junior; 3. Airwell; 4. Moonlight Gambler.
 Knockdown & out - 1. Golden Chance; 2. McLain Street; 3. Red Shoes; 4. Sweet Cap.
 Working hunter hack - 1. Ashland, Kay Tremper Verilli; 2. Night Tourist, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson; 3. Sandpiper; 4. Little Sombra.
 Green working hunter stake - 1. Little Fiddle; 2. Dear Junior; 3. Champ's Bit; 4. Buttermilk Bay, Kathleen Brennan.
 Working hunter stake - 1. Sandpiper; 2. Little Sombra; 3. Best o' Luck; 4. Gangster; 5. Chappaqua; 6. Pride's Mark, Joan Magid.
 Jumper stake - 1. Sandpiper; 2. Porpoise; 3. Hi Charlie, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Cohen; 4. Round Hill; 5. Rembrandt, Marvin Middlemark; 6. Pedro.
 Nancy Clapp Challenge Trophy: McLain Street.

TATUM

CORRESPONDENT: S. J.
 PLACE: Tatum, N.M.
 TIME: Nov. 27.
 JUDGES: Howard E. Babcock, Jr., Gen. John P. Willey.
 HI-POINT JUNIOR: Carbon Copy, Barb Mitchell.
 RES: Sis Blitzen, Susan Wilmot.
 HI-POINT SENIOR: Harvest Pot, Mrs. R. C. Jones.
 RES: Arnette Rogue, John Ryan.
 SUMMARIES:
 Open dressage, test A - 1. Harvest Pot, Mrs. R. C. Jones; 2. Sis Blitzen, Susan Wilmot; 3. The Hammer, Carol Ann Norman; 4. Our Gift, Barbara Bushman.
 Open dressage, test B - 1. Sis Blitzen; 2. Harvest Pot; 3. Frontier Carrier, John Ryan; 4. Arnette Rogue, John Ryan; 5. The Hammer; 6. John's Danny, Mary Jo Ingram.
 Beginners over fences - 1. Lesa Ingram; 2. Pat Langley; 3. Janet Burnworth; 4. Chris Wiesenbach; 5. Camille Shaffer; 6. Lana Miller.
 Green limit jumper - 1. Winnie Poo, Carol Ann Norman; 2. Strawberry Sundae, John Ryan; 3. Jesse James, Pat Langley; 4. Our Gift.
 Horsemanship over fences, 12 & under - 1. Sue Bunch; 2. Barb Mitchell; 3. Mike McCormick; 4. Pat Langley; 5. Patsy Perkins; 6. George Smith.
 Jr. hunter, 12 & under - 1. Carbon Copy, Barb Mitchell; 2. Apache, Mike McCormick; 3. Sweetheart, Lesa Ingram; 4. Thank You, Patsy Perkins.
 Maiden equitation, 13-17 - 1. Carolyn Brown; 2. Don Wingfield; 3. Linnie Jo Love; 4. Mary Jo Ingram.
 Maiden equitation, 12 & under - 1. Patsy Perkins; 2. Lesa Ingram; 3. Mary Ann Hall; 4. Chris Wiesenbach; 5. Janet Burnworth; 6. Deborah Jones.
 Leadline - 1. Miss Sobre, Deborah Jones; 2. John's Danny, Cleg Jones; 3. Meadowlands, Gayle Norton; 4. Posy, Dirk Jones.
 Green conformation hunter - 1. Arnette Rogue; 2. Carbon Copy; 3. Caesar's Mac, Carolyn Brown; 4. Fiery Blaze, Patsy Moore.
 Open conformation hunter - 1. Frontier Carrier; 2. Brutus, Asa Lee England; 3. The Hammer; 4. Arnette Rogue.
 Open jumper - 1. Soberano, Diana Schauer; 2. The Hammer; 3. Pelo De Oro, John Busck; 4. John's Danny, Mrs. R. C. Jones.
 Eng. equitation, 12 & under - 1. Barb Mitchell; 2. Sue Bunch; 3. Janie Bushman; 4. Mary Galt; 5. Patsy Perkins; 6. Mary Ann Hall.
 Tiny tots, 9 & under - 1. Lesa Ingram; 2. Mary Galt; 3. Pam Norton; 4. Deborah Jones; 5. Joey Ingram.
 Open Eng. pleasure horse - 1. Harvest Pot; 2. Snuffy, John Ryan; 3. Sis Blitzen; 4. Fiery Blaze.
 Adult Eng. equitation - 1. Mrs. John Wolf; 2. John Ryan; 3. Mrs. R. C. Jones; 4. Asa Lee England.
 Handy green working hunter - 1. Arnette Rogue; 2. Carbon Copy; 3. Jesse James; 4. Winnie Poo.
 Working hunter - 1. The Hammer; 2. Roi Khe, Diana Schauer; 3. Soberano; 4. Brutus.
 Eng. equitation, 13-17 - 1. Susan Wilmot; 2. Don Wingfield; 3. Barbara Bushman; 4. Carolyn Brown; 5. Carol Ann Norman; 6. Patsy Moore.
 Barriens springen - 1. Soberano; 2. John's Danny; 3. Roi Khe; 4. Chico De Oro, John Busck.
 Jr. jumpers, 13-17 - 1. Peter Pan, Barbara Bushman; 2. The Hammer; 3. Sis Blitzen.
 AHS Medal, hunting seat - 1. Susan Wilmot; 2. Carol Ann Norman; 3. Diana Schauer; 4. Don Wingfield; 5. Carolyn Brown; 6. Sue Bunch.
 Jr. Eng. pleasure horse, 12 & under - 1. Carbon Copy; 2. Decorator Ray, Mike McCormick; 3. Butch, Sue Bunch; 4. Khe Dow, Janet Burnworth.
 Green hunter hack - 1. Mickey, R. C. Jones; 2. Carbon Copy; 3. Our Gift; 4. Fiery Blaze.
 Open pairs - 1. Arnette Rogue, Caesar's Mac; 2. Sis Blitzen, Miss Sobre; 3. Mickey, Harvest Pot; 4. John's Danny, Our Gift.

Horse of the Year

The third annual Horse of the Year Show proved to be the best and most outstanding of the three shows. The arena was beautifully decorated, the jump courses were equally colorful and extremely well planned and the performances were all top rate in every class, giving the judges a problem in pinning the winners. No championships were awarded at this show as all horses entered were the high score winners for 1960 in British Columbia. The champions of each division will only be known when the Zone Awards are presented in December, when total points for all CHSA shows have been added. The audience seemed to enjoy the entire show, as well as the special performances when one could literally have heard a pin drop. The first was a demonstration of cutting horses working cattle by Messrs. Charles Nestlen and Nels Smith of Oregon, the second was a demonstration of Dressage movements by the 1960 high point winners in



Mrs. Richard C. Storey on Easter Joy competed in the open cross country division of the Myopia Hunt Horse Trials and in the Master's Cup of the Myopia Hunter Trials. (Reynolds Photo)

the Novice Medium and Prix St. Georges divisions. The three horses displayed simultaneously the various paces and movements required in their individual divisions thus demonstrating the differences required, accompanied by explanations by Mrs. A. Merveldt. Third was the Southland's Jr. Drill Ride under the command of Brig. A. T. MacLean whose untiring efforts with these young riders certainly proved a success.

Hooftacks

CORRESPONDENT: Hooftacks.
 PLACE: Vancouver, B.C., Can.
 TIME: Sept. 23-24.
 JUDGES: Robert Hollingsworth, J. S. Hargrave, Charles B. Nestlen.
 SUMMARIES:
 Working hunter - 1. Seven Up, Jean Dunbar; 2. Simba, Mr. & Mrs. D. Pontius; 3. Roque, Rikki Abramson; 4. High Rigger, F. Tozer.

Green conformation hunter - 1. Brightlight, R. E. St. John; 2. Irish Cottage, C. N. Woodward; 3. Hindu Punch, Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Donaldson; 4. A'Claire, Judy Arber.
 Show hack, over 15.2 - 1. My Authority, Inez Fischer-Credo; 2. Irish Coffee, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Carpenter; 3. Lurif's Cavalier, C. Watkins; 4. Hindu Punch.
 District team jumping - 1. Richmond team - Roque, Royal Ebony Dare, Don Abramson; 2. Vancouver team - Lora Spring, Pat Maunsell, Gambler, Carol Andrews, Carmencita, Elaine Elliott; 3. Vancouver Island team - Seven Up, Trader, Jean Dunbar, Simba; 4. Okanagan team - High Rigger, Dark Cloud, T. G. White, Paddy C. R. J. Bennett.
 C.H.S.A. Medal, hunting seat - 1. Jean Dunbar; 2. Carol Andrews; 3. Pat Donaldson; 4. Carol Sutherland; 5. Karen Brynensen; 6. Stephanie Southam.
 Jr. jumping - 1. Master Robert, Caroline Weeks; 2. (tied) Fen's Folly, Jean Dunbar, A'Claire; 4. Yambowin, Karen Brynensen; 5. (tied) Sinfra, Jane Campbell, Little Dark Teoga, Barbara Johnston.
 Saddle pony - 1. Master Robert; 2. Victory's Elizabeth, Wynn Woodward; 3. Sinfra; 4. Pride of Dawn, Vancouver Pony Club.
 Jr. working hunter - 1. Trader; 2. A'Claire; 3. Yambowin; 4. Tulsa, Russ.
 Conformation hunter - 1. Gambler; 2. Phar Rona, Karen Brynensen; 3. Lora Spring; 4. Seven Up.
 Show hack, 14.2-15.2 - 1. Gordina, Mrs. S. T. R. Sarjeant; 2. Rishel, Mrs. S. T. R. Sarjeant; 3. Alkahira, Mrs. Ann Dean; 4. Ferishal, Mrs. M. Trethewey.
 Horse of the Year jumping, FEI - 1. High Rigger; 2. Phar Rona; 3. (tied) Gambler, Lora Spring; 5. Roque; 6. Tarquin, Barbara Sharp.
 District team jumping - 1. Richmond; 2. Vancouver; 3. Vancouver Island; 4. Okanagan.

NORTH & SOUTH SAANICH FAIR

CORRESPONDENT: Hooftacks.
 PLACE: Saanichton, B.C., Canada.
 TIME: Sept. 3-5th.
 JUDGE: Donald Mahan.
 SUMMARIES:
 Trail horse - 1. Irish Coffee, C. C. Carpenter; 2. Tacoma, Dink Echols, Bob Owens; 3. Ko Ko, Gordon Shea; 4. Dark Moon, Alex Steel.
 Equitation, hunting seat - 1. Jean Dunbar; 2. Pat Donaldson; 3. Stephanie Southam; 4. Allison Burns.
 CHSA Medal, hunting seat - 1. Pat Donaldson; 2. Genna Reskie; 3. Barbara Johnston; 4. Stan Homer.
 Equitation, balanced seat - 1. Madeleine Cuppage; 2. Jean Dunbar; 3. Vivian Carley; 4. Glenna Reskie.
 Jr. jumper - 1. Wisty, Stephanie Southam; 2. Little Blonde Lady, Trudy Armann; 3. Han, Vivian Carley; 4. Cinnamos, Glenna Reskie.
 Novice jumper - 1. Master Robert, Caroline Weeks; 2. Billy Ascot, Barbara Trickett; 3. (tied) Little Dark Teoga, Barbara Johnston, Patsy Somers, B. Johnston, Little Blonde Lady, Fen's Folly, Jean Dunbar, Magic, Mrs. Warren.
 Show hack, 14.2-15.2 - 1. Quardeena, Jean Dunbar; 2. Han, Vivian Carley; 3. Victory's Tifara, Mrs. C. C. Carpenter; 4. Stepping Fast, Jo Ann Aubel.
 Green conformation hunter - 1. Hindu Punch, Pat Donaldson; 2. disqualified.
 District team jump - 1. Richmond; 2. Duncan; 3. Saanich; 4. Victoria.
 Show hack, over 15.2 - 1. Irish Coffee, C. C. Carpenter; 2. Fen's Folly; 3. Hindu Punch; 4. Herran, Ruth Green.
 Open conformation hunter - 1. Seven Up, Jean Dunbar; 2. Venture, Judy Bone rider, Bob Shaaks; 3. Simba, Ed Lister rider, D. Pontius; 4. Fen's Folly.
 Working hunter - 1. Seven Up; 2. Wisty; 3. Royal Ebony Dare, Rikki Abramson; 4. Simba.
 Hunter hack - 1. Copper Cal, Mrs. N. S. Wright; 2. Seven Up; 3. Billy Ascot, Barbara Trickett; 4. Tarquin, Stan Homer.
 Open jump - 1. Royal Ebony Dare; 2. Seven Up; 3. Roque, Rikki Abramson; 4. Little Dark Teoga.

RICHMOND R. C. HUNTER TRIALS

CORRESPONDENT: Hooftacks.
 PLACE: Richmond, B.C., Canada.
 TIME: Sept. 18.
 JUDGE: Jack Hargrave.
 SUMMARIES:
 Green hunter - 1. Brightlight, Mrs. R. E. St. John; 2. Bill, Lee Elton; 3. Lucky, Donna Beaty.
 Jr. working hunter - 1. Trader, Jean Dunbar; 2. Tzinquaw, Geraldine Langtry; 3. Master Robert, Caroline Weeks.
 Open hunter hack - 1. Copper Cal, Mrs. N. S. Wright; 2. Phar Rona, Karen Brynensen; 3. Whose Horse, Doug Reid.
 Open working hunter - 1. Brightlight; 2. Roque, Rikki Abramson; 3. Royal Ebony Dare, Don Abramson.
 Hunt teams - 1. Roque, Royal Ebony Dare, Freddy Fox, Paddy Boal; 2. Master Robert, Trader, Tzinquaw.
 Jr. hunter - 1. Master Robert; 2. Yambowin, Karen Brynensen; 3. Smitty, Heather Abramson.
 Open conformation hunter - 1. Brightlight; 2. Copper Cal; 3. Roque.
 Road hack - 1. Whiffenpoof, Doug Reid; 2. Trader; 3. Yambowin.
 Handy hunter - 1. Roque; 2. Rebel, Barbara Frippe; 3. elim.
 Hunt race - 1. Brazen Jewel, Rikki Abramson; 2. Brightlight; 3. Karif's Shebays, Mrs. P. Davies.

Western Canadian 1-Day Horse Trials

The success of the One Day Horse Trial for Alberta's riders was dependent on many factors: The organizers (Western Canadian Olympic Equestrian Development Committee); the Grahams at Millarville on whose property the trial was held; the riders and junior riders all of whom displayed a keen sense of sportsmanship and ability. Salute to all. Thanks to them the fourth such trial and last for 1960 got under way September 11th.

The September trial brought some unexpected highlights. Surprise of the day 21-year-old Calgary girl, Marie Sharpe, on her mount Bittersweet, who won the three phase Open Class. Miss Sharpe was presented with the Ellard Trophy by Mrs. Ray Ellard. The young lady's success was well deserved and fully accepted by her fellow riders and spectators alike. Her riding history proves that if one really wants to gain in this field, ability, interest and self-discipline go hand in hand. Marie bought her mare 4 years ago and trained her to what she is now. Working during

ipants. All jumps were solid, none could be knocked over. Some were placed at the top of steep, uphill grades and some were set at wicked angles but they held no problems for the contestants.

Show-Jumping, which started at 4 P.M. after a hot morning and early afternoon, did not proceed as smoothly as in the past trial. Because several horses were tired there were more refusals over the 10 obstacles than expected. Clear rounds by three riders in the Green Class led to a final jump-off, in which young Rodger won out with the best time against Doug MacDonald and Mrs. J. Chesher.

Following are the winners of Open Class and Green Class. E.H.

SUMMARIES:

The trial was marked on a penalty basis and the competitor with the lowest total of penalty marks in all phases was the winner. In the event of a tie in the final result, a competitor with the best score in the Cross Country test won. Best two out of three scores counted for team scores. Dressage, open - 1. Idaho, Mrs. J. Irving; 2. Sombra, Mrs. J. Chesher; 3. Bittersweet, M. Sharpe. Dressage, green - 1. June S., D. Jennings; 2. Moonweed, M. Lindsay; 3. Ben Hur, Roger Fuller. Dressage, overall - 1. June S., D. Jennings; 2. Idaho, Mrs. J. Irving; 3. Moonweed, M. Lindsay. Cross-country, open, (jumps did not exceed 3'6") - 1. Bittersweet, M. Sharpe; 2. Idaho, Mrs. J. Irving; 3. Mister C., Art Robillard. Cross-country, green (jumps did not exceed 3') - 1. Trudy

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Mrs. Rogers' Eye Spring again had his own way here on October 22nd, repeating his victory in the Open Division at the Potomac Horse Trials the previous week. He led his opposition all the way by a handsome margin, winning with only 46 penalty points over Canaan Farm's Archer (Felix Nuesch) and 97.4 points. Archer fared poorly in the dressage test, but forged ahead on time in the cross-country. A good course, trappy in a few places, it did not really present a problem to the Open Horses. The third place Rowdy (Mrs. M. Ratcliff), owned by Miss A. C. Foster, dropped way behind in the cross-country taking over 2 minutes longer to complete it.

Mr. Michael Page, a member of the last U. S. Olympic Team, judged the 28 entries, under good weather conditions, bright, sunny, but cool. An unusually large number of spectators turned out to view all activity from a prominent hill top. Competitors were somewhat hard put to determine their exact route on the cross-coun-



Marie Sharpe on Bittersweet winner of the open division at the Western Canadian Horse Trials.



Roger Fuller on Ben Hur, winner of the green division of the Western Canadian Horse Trials.

the week, Miss Sharpe has only evenings and weekends left in which to ride.

Another highlight was 12-year-old Roger Fuller of Okotoks, near Calgary, who rode his horse Ben Hur energetically to victory in the Green Class. Roger, a very talented youngster and member of the local Pony Club, competed against grown-ups two and three times his age.

Although the displays in the dressage test did not quite reach the given standards, it was obvious that riders and horses showed improvement compared to last June's trial. The overall picture was one of discipline and concentration. Better seats of riders, more quiet hands, proper aids and more obedient horses all impressed favourably. Generally speaking, it was a fine event, considering the fact that Alberta's riders are still quite new in this kind of test.

Cross Country as usual, was exciting for the spectators. The 20 jumps over the 1.75 miles course were taken with speed and enthusiasm by all twenty-one partic-

Lee Hill, Sh. Taylor; 2. Checkmate, Mrs. J. Chesher; 3. Ben Hur, Roger Fuller.

Stadium jumping, open (jumps not exceeding 3'9" in height, 5' in spread) - 1. Cool Breeze, Cecile Chesher; 2. Sombra, Mrs. Joyce Chesher; 3. Bittersweet, Marie Sharpe.

Stadium jumping, green (jumps not exceeding 3' in height, 4' in spread) - 1. Ben Hur, Roger Fuller; 2. Apache Chief, D. MacDonald; 3. Checkmate, Mrs. J. Chesher.

Team score, open - 1. Idaho, Mrs. J. Irving; 2. Bittersweet, M. Sharpe; 3. Sombra, Mrs. J. Chesher.

Team score, green - 1. Ben Hur, Roger Fuller; 2. Apache Chief, D. MacDonald; 3. Sleepy's Pal, Tommy Michael. Three-phase winners, open - 1. Bittersweet, M. Sharpe; 2. Idaho, Mrs. Joan Irving; 3. Beden, Edith Rodie (Michell Kaplan).

Three-phase winners, green - 1. Ben Hur, Roger Fuller; 2. Trudy Lee Hill, Sharon Taylor; 3. Checkmate, Mrs. Joyce Chesher.

WHY KNOT

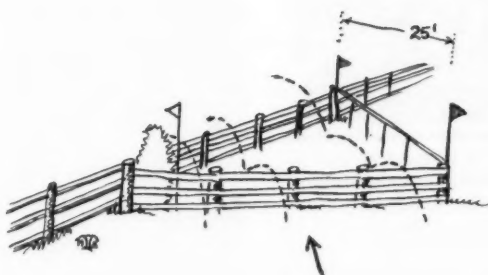
The absent-minded professor looked with surprise at the rope shank he was holding in his hand.

"This means," he said to himself, "either that I've found a rope or lost a horse." M.P.J.

try, the correct flagging of which was not complete when they walked the course on foot.

The Intermediate Division provided the keenest competition. Dressage marks varied considerably - from 70 to 101 - only two horses (the second moreover was a pony), obtained better than 50% of the available points! Miss S. Willis's good-looking bay, Blue Wasp, placed at the head of the line, followed by the eager and reliable Farnley Syrian, the well-known pony now in his fourth year of Horse Trials competition ridden by F. G. Harting, Jr. Atlanta (Mrs. H. Woolman II) and Susan Melody (David Semmes) provided the only other reasonable tests.

A few additions had been made to the cross-country course, as for example the "Triangular pen", shown in the sketch. This also shows the possible methods of negotiating it. All told, five out of the 12 horses in the Intermediate Division were eliminated on the cross-country course, two of these for going off course. All had



considerable time penalties, even though it is a "galloping" type course. Blue Wasp with 33.2 time penalties dropped to second place, being overtaken by Susan Melody on time. Harting's Farnley Syrian came to grief at the triangular pen, his rider's error of judgment in presenting his mount being responsible. He withdrew. Susan Melody, a Potomac Hunt entry, owned and ridden by David Semmes, therefore scored his first Trials victory by a scant 3-point margin over Blue Wasp, both horses having clear rounds over the attractive Jumping Course. A close third was Tall Chief (Dr. J. M. Rogers) and in fourth place, another Maryland entry, the part-Standardbred Scot, ridden by Col. H. R. S. Pain, a member of the British Military Mission.

The organizers, in an endeavour to include those under 16 years of age as well, also staged a Jenny Camp Trials, in place of a Preliminary Division. This Attracted 2 youngsters, each riding 2 horses out of the 14 entries received in this section. A simplified 1.5 mile cross-country course accounted for the seven clear rounds. The final winner by a narrow lead was Beswick (Miss P. Donovan) who received 73 penalty points in dressage and none in the other tests. Canaan Farm's Helio Rose (Felix Nuesch) dropped to second place only because of a knockdown in the Jumping Test. Mr. Donald Patterson's Lady Rowland (Erskine Bedford) took third, only 5 points behind the winner. Mrs. J. C. K. Shipp's Jalma's Rain (Suzanne Cove) decisively won the dressage test, but unfortunately deteriorated thereafter. Thus the third annual Orange County Horse Trials came to a successful close, and as previously, under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. Donald Patterson.

SUMMARIES

OPEN - 1. Mrs. Joseph Rogers' Eye Spring (46); 2. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lange's Archer, ridden by Felix Nuesch (97.4); 3 entries.

INTERMEDIATE - 1. David H. Semmes' Susan Melody (100); 2. Miss Sara Willis' Blue Wasp, (103.2); 3. Dr. Joseph Rogers' Tall Chief (113); 4. Mr. H. H. Semmes, Jr.'s Scot, ridden by Col. H. R. S. Pain (124.4); 5. Dr. and Mrs. James Z. Edelbrut's Escapade, ridden by Mrs. Edelbrut (140.8); 6. J. Gibson Semmes' Duck Soup

(143.4). 12 entries.

JENNY CAMP - 1. Miss P. Donovan's Beswick (75); 2. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lange's Helio Rose, ridden by Felix Nuesch (79); 3. Donald W. Patterson's Lady Rowland, ridden by Erskine Bedford (80); 4. Brad Smith's Two-Tone (84); 5. Miss Lauralyn Smith's Topperary Tim (93); 6. Mrs. John C. K. Shipp's Firecracker, ridden by Mrs. J. D. Sturrock (96); 7. Brad Smith's Colonel (99). 14 entries.



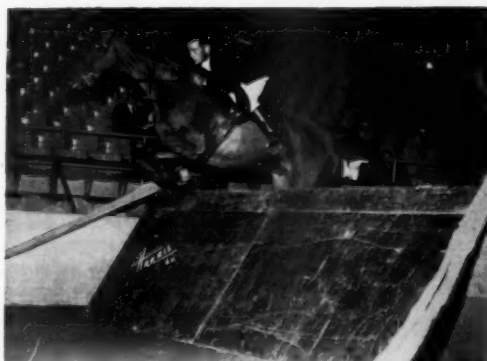
COL. HOPE ON OLYMPIC RULES

Writing in the December issue of "The Light Horse", Lt-Col. C. E. G. Hope, its Editor, comments as follows on the physical fitness of the horses competing in the Endurance Phase of the Olympic Three-Day Event: - "The F.E.I. will be in General Assembly this month (December). I hope that they will grasp firmly that most prickly nettle of all - the qualifications for entry, especially the matter of physical fitness. One thing they could do is to make the preliminary inspection of three-day-event horses considerably less perfunctory. I have seen horses brought up and passed who were obviously poor and unfit, as the subsequent results proved. Could not an electro-cardiograph be provided for these occasions, for example? Could not the panel of inspectors also include a leading trainer of racehorses, whose eye should be able to tell better than most whether a horse were really ready for a test such as this or not? I have heard it argued that people have spent a lot of money and come a long way to enter for the competition, and it would be unfair to debar them from doing so. This argument belies the claim of horsemen to love their animals. It will cut no ice with those who are unceasingly active in trying to abolish events like the Grand National and Badminton. So I appeal to the F.E.I. to put the horse first in its deliberations, not the rider."

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Smith College Three Phase Event

The sixth annual Smith College Three-Phase Event took place in Northampton, Mass., November 12th and 13th. There were nineteen competitors in the two divisions, open and novice. The weather was beautiful and added to everyone's enjoyment, spectator's and competitor's.

Mr. Frederick McCashin, Amherst, Mass., judged the dressage phase and Miss Jean Campbell, Smith College, judged the stadium jumping phase. The Ann S. Kouwenhoven Memorial Trophy was judged by the two judges.

Miss Judith Hofmann was the winner of the open division riding Jennifer Land's Salvador. Salvador was last year's winner under the riding of Jennifer Smith, while Judy was the winner in 1958 on her own horse Mr. Coker. The novice division was won by Patricia Thomas riding Ellen McCloy's Pussyfoot. The Ann S. Kouwenhoven Trophy was awarded to Carol Conklin. This trophy is given to the rider, who in the opinion of the judges has shown skill in riding, consideration of her horse, and consistency in all three phases.

Open Division

Dressage phase - 1. Salvador; 2. Devil's Delight; Carol Conklin; 3. King, Eloise Williams.

Cross Country - 1. Salvador; 2. Devil's Delight; 3. Pandora, Joyce Washburn.

Stadium Jumping - 1. Blue Hills, Ellen Corning; 2. King, Sabra Wilson; 3. Devil's

Delight.

Total Placing - 1. Salvador; 2. Devil's Delight; 3. Blue Hills; 4. Pandora.

Novice Division

Dressage Phase - 1. Teddy, Lynn Robinson; 2. Pussyfoot; 3. Penny, Adrienne Bowditch.

Cross Country - 1. Mare l'Amour, Susan Arenschield; 2. Pussyfoot; 3. Jack, Cynthia Kirkland.

Stadium Jumping - 1. Pussyfoot; 2. Volde, Carol Cunningham; 3. Jack.

Total Placings - 1. Pussyfoot; 2. Jack; 3. Penny; 4. Jim' Edith, Francis Borie.



Carol Conklin receiving the Anns. Kouwenhoven Trophy for her skill in riding from Miss Jean Campbell at the Smith College Three Phase Event.



Judy Hofmann on Salvador, winner of the open division at the Smith College Three Phase Event. (Arlene Photo)



U. S. Pony Clubs Meeting

A meeting of the Officers and Advisory Committee of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. was held in the library of the St. Regis Hotel in New York, on Friday, October 21, 1960, at 12 noon. Colonel Fair presided. Also present were: George Cole Scott, Sherman P. Haight, Jr., Nathaniel T. Clark, Mrs. John A. Reidy, Mrs. Howard C. Fair, Alexander Mackay-Smith.

In view of the prospective absences of Colonel Fair in Ireland, Sherman P. Haight, Jr., vice-president, agreed to act as President pro tem.

The Advisory Committee suggested that all Regional Supervisors serve on the Board of Governors, except for such

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Regional Supervisors as are ineligible, being also District Commissioners.

John H. Fritz, Box 504, Annville, Pennsylvania, has been appointed an Examiner to give B tests.

The U. S. Pony Clubs Instructors' Course at Teala Wooket Camp will run from Sunday, June 18th through Saturday, June 24th; the rate for the course this year has been set at \$80.

The revised By-laws were discussed, and copies have been mailed to the thirty-five Governors, so that the new By-laws may be put into effect at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be at the Hotel Dorset, 30 West 54th Street, New York, on Friday, January 27, 1961, at 10:30 A.M. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors for 1960 and the Regional Supervisors on the day previous.

D.C.'s and Regional Supervisors are requested to send to Dean Bedford, Fox Hill Farm, Fallston, Maryland, reports on the progress of Pony Club Cup Games in their areas.

Visiting Commissioners, National Examiners, Governors, and Regional Supervisors were invited to join the meeting at



2 o'clock. Present were: Mrs. Sherman P. Haight, Jr., Mrs. Philip Hofmann, Mrs. W. Edward Overly, Mrs. H. Nelson Slater, Jr., and H. Stewart Treviranus.

There was a discussion of National Rallies. It was the sense of the meeting that these be held at the B, A, and Associate level, trying this plan out in 1961. A plan is being considered of dividing the country into Zones, with Zone Rallies to be held following the Regional ones. Regional Rallies will be held, under the direction of the Regional Supervisors, as in the past, at A, B, C and Associate levels.

The question of raising the age level of Pony Club members to eighteen before they become Associates was brought up. The vote was a unanimous No.

The question of written tests was brought up, and it was recommended that the questions on written tests at Regional Rallies be in the form requiring Yes-No, True-False, or multiple-choice answers. The final decision is to



Patricia Thomas on Pussyfoot, winner of the novice division in the Smith College Three Phase Event. (Arlene Photo)

The New Red Raider Camp Indoor Ring

October 1st started bulldozers digging what was the beginning of Red Raider's new indoor riding ring. On November 11th, the last nail was hammered into place and the ring was completed.

The new indoor ring is made of Alcoa aluminum, built by the Umbaugh Pole Building Company, Incorporated of Tallmadge, Ohio. The complete ring and riding area is 187 feet long and 68 feet wide. The inside clearance is 14 feet high without any center supports. This 14 foot clearance and big riding area makes any kind of riding and jumping possible.

Other added features for the ring are, a floor of wood shavings, a powerful and efficient lighting system, skylights for added day time natural lighting, and bleachers are to be installed before the January schooling shows start.

Red Raider has the only indoor riding ring, in the Cleveland area, large enough to hold shows. The camp plans on having schooling shows from January through April. These shows are not only for hunters and jumpers, but there will be shows for the Western, Arab, Morgan, and Gaited horses, as well.

All winter the indoor ring will be used by the Red Raider riders too. These riders are comprised of city children who ride in groups according to their abilities. The advanced group is instructed by Gabor Francia-Kiss, former member of the Hungarian Selective Riding Team. His groups represent Red Raider Camp in the local hunting shows. "Fox" Smith, owner and director of Red Raider Camp, has done a superb job with organizing the groups. Along with his riding staff, "Fox" has taught the children equitation, the daily care of the horse and tack, and many other responsibilities.

The new ring gives clubs and organizations the opportunity to use it for their private use. Already the Cleveland Chapter of the P.H.A. (Professional Horsemen's Association) has reservations for holding their lectures and demonstrations in the ring. Also, the Girl Scouts' Mounted Drill Team practices in the ring.

At the present time, Red Raiders are enjoying the new found pleasures of riding in the indoor ring. Red Raider Camp is proud and happy of its new ring and wishes others will benefit by its convenience.

The Ones Folks Like Most

Some horses are gentle
Some horses are shy
But the ones folks like most
Are the ones that can boast
Of racing 'n' chasing
And throwing a man
And when the man's thrown
He lands on his can.

Francine Liebowitz
(12 years old)

Pony Club Equitation Derby

An "Equitation Derby", patterned after the Hamburg Dressage Derby, was sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Pony Club on November 20. The setting was a sand arena at the edge of an old cherry orchard on a magnificent autumn day at the Hermann Friedlaenders in Soquel, Calif.

The qualifying round was held in the morning when each contestant rode the AHSA Dressage Test A-1, to be judged with emphasis on the riders' equitation - seat, position, knowledge of aids, etc., rather than strictly on the dressage of the horse. The top four riders were then to ride off for the championship in the afternoon, each to ride his own horse first, then each of the other horses through the full test. Winners of the morning round were: Claudia Frisbie of Pebble Beach Pony Club riding Pebble Beach Stables' Sea Tiger with 92 points; Sherrel Burwell of Santa Cruz Pony Club on Mrs. H. Friedlaender's Cherry Blossom with 87 points; and a three-way tie for third and fourth place between Bill Bradley of Pebble Beach on his own Ohi, Jan Carpenter of Pebble Beach on Faber Lewis's Pyewacket and Dick Shaffer of Santa Cruz on his own



Beverly, all with 83 points. The judge selected the two boys to appear in the afternoon.

The contestants drew for order and instructions were given that they must mount each new horse for the first time on entering the ring and would be given three minutes in which to familiarize themselves with the horse before they must commence the test. All riders used their own saddles on each horse in turn, which saved much time in adjusting stirrups, etc. Prior to the first round, when each rider was to ride his own horse, Sea Tiger appeared lame, so Pyewacket was substituted as Claudia Frisbie's mount.

The youngsters were very attentive to the rides of their opponents and some showed a surprising grasp of the problems with each horse and used their warm-up periods to advantage. It was almost reminiscent of the adult competition in Europe to see one boy, upon mounting for the first time a horse which was difficult in the transitions to slower gaits, work for a full minute or more for nothing more than a good, quiet, straight halt which none had been able to accomplish up to that time. An exciting duel developed between the two boys for second and third place which was resolved in the final round by the two-point victory of

be left to the Regional Supervisors, however. It is also recommended that the examinations not be returned, but that a list of the correct answers be posted. The examination questions are to be sent in to National Headquarters, at least one month ahead of time, so that they may be "vetted" in advance of each Regional Rally. Essay type examinations may well be used in certain categories, as for B's, A's and Associated; these also to be submitted to National Headquarters at least one month beforehand.

In view of the prospective absences of Mrs. Fair in Ireland, Nathaniel T. Clark, Farm Street, Dover, Massachusetts, was appointed to serve as Chairman of National Examiners.

Now, therefore be it Resolved; that the Officers, Advisory Committee, and Board of Governors of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., representing the membership of that organization, urgently request the F.E.I. to put into effect such changes of Rules as to preclude another such exhibition as occurred in Rome in 1960; and to that end we respectfully suggest the following Rules which will, we believe, result in a stiffer test for a fitter horse:

1. To make qualifying tests mandatory under F.E.I. supervision preceding the Olympic Games;

2. To limit the number of disobediences at any one obstacle, in the Phase "D" of the Speed and Endurance test, to two (2);

3. To have veterinary inspection the day preceding the competition, following a previously set pattern, i.e., respiration. A horse not meeting the requirements will be ordered withdrawn;

4. To discontinue the "fourth" member of a team. This fourth member is expendable and thus takes more risks than necessary and pushes his horse beyond reason.

Howard C. Fair, President
for the Executive Committee

Bill Bradley.

The prize for Champion Claudia Frisbie was the Van Loan Whitehead Jr. Memorial Trophy, which will be ridden for annually. The excellent judging was done by Miss Inez Fischer-Credo of Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Bill Bradley - Ohl, 78; Pyewacket, 88; Cherry Blossom 87; Beverly, 87; total 340.

Claudia Frisbie - Pyewacket, 99; Cherry Blossom 99; Beverly, 95; Ohl, 86; total 379.

Sherrel Burwell - Cherry Blossom, 92; Beverly, 77; Ohl, 72; Pyewacket, 79; total 320.

Dick Shaffer - Beverly, 86; Ohl, 76; Pyewacket, 84; Cherry Blossom, 92; total 338.

Buffalo Saddle & Bridle Club

Once again the junior riders proved they can provide as exciting a show as their elders can. Jump-offs sent fences up again and again but flipping a coin never occurred to anyone, except perhaps a few nervous parents. Jumper points tied the championship between Schmoe Joe, a little Western horse which is something of a local phenomenon, and Valiant Hawk, whose new owner was riding her first show. The jump-off went to Schmoe Joe, proving experience usually counts, but also introduced a new competitor for the Winter shows.

Donna Kaufmann's Wait-a-While gained the hunter championship and carried her to victory in two horsemanship classes. Missing from the show was Kitty Cox who was injured while riding Donna's horse at the National this year, but a phone call from her hospital bed to see how things were going proved she may be down but she's definitely not out of things.

A show well-planned by the junior members of the club, the capable judging of Dan Lenehan, and more than eighty horses combined to make a very successful day. BLM

CORRESPONDENT: Barbara Massey.

PLACE: Buffalo, New York.

TIME: Nov. 26.

JUDGE: Daniel Lenehan.

HUNTER CH: Wait-a-While, Donna Kaufmann.

RES: Little Mystery, Sharon Geraci.

JUMPER CH: Schmoe Joe, Al Klaus.

RES: Valiant Hawk, Nancy Kemper.

SUMMARY:

Model hunter - 1. Gray Blanket, Michelle Jacobs; 2. High Hopes, Linda Saunders; 3. My Ques, Susan Lenahan; 4. Sir Gallo, Penny Schoellkopf.

Progressive jumpers - 1. Valiant Hawk, Nancy Kemper; 2. Little Mystery, Sharon Geraci; 3. Schmoe Joe, Al Klaus; 4. Sportsman, Judy Ross.

Beginner's horsemanship over jumps - 1. Ina Shantz; 2. Ellen Geraci; 3. Robert Stevenson; 4. Susan Schoellkopf.

Pleasure hack - 1. Wait-a-While, Donna Kaufmann; 2. Combatant, Paul Whitbeck; 3. Quick Switch, Kitty Wells; 4. Dolly, Sandra Klawer.

Open working hunter - 1. Wait-a-While; 2. Little Mystery; 3. No Lady, Cathy Donohue; 4. High Hopes.

Open jumpers - 1. Black Prince, Lyn Becker; 2. Valiant Hawk; 3. Ethel M. Foxhall Village Stable; 4. Little Doll, Barbara Burbank.

ASPCA Macley - 1. Donna Kaufmann; 2. Cathy Donohue; 3. Patty Lee; 4. Linda Saunders.

Seat & Hands, S & B Club Horse, 14 & over - 1. Linda White; 2. Margie Wray; 3. Liz Lurie.

Seat & Hands, S & B Club Horse, 14 & under - 1. Joan Burzynski; 2. Susan Shaw; 3. Debbie Clark; 4. Edda Hyde.

Juvenile seat & hands - 1. Charles Carey; 2. Robert Stevenson; 3. Susan Schoellkopf; 4. Cathy Connors.

Bridle trail hack or pony - 1. Wait-a-While; 2. High Impression, Carolee Bennett; 3. Combatant; 4. Quick Switch.

Handy working hunter - 1. Gray Blanket; 2. Little Mystery; 3. Toy Town, Roger Young; 4. Wait-a-While.

Touch & out - 1. Sportsman; 2. Monkey, Lyn Becker; 3. Pretzel, Sid Bennett; 4. Schmoe Joe.

AHSA Medal, hunter seat - 1. Sharon Geraci; 2. Donna Kaufmann; 3. Cathy Donohue; 4. Patty Lee.

Horsemanship, 14 & over - 1. Cathy Donohue; 2. Linda Saunders; 3. Patty Lee; 4. Jo Carol Smith.

Working hunter hack - 1. Wait-a-While; 2. High Impression; 3. Gray Blanket; 4. Combatant.

Horsemanship, 14 & over - 1. Donna Kaufmann; 2. Paul Whitbeck; 3. Lynn Montgomery; 4. Barbara Burbank.

Working hunter, appointments - 1. Little Mystery; 2. Wait-a-While; 3. High Hopes; 4. Defender.

Knockdown & out - 1. Schmoe Joe; 2. Monkey; 3. Black Prince; 4. Nameless, Penny Schoellkopf.

Radnor Hunt Pony Club

The Friday after Thanksgiving is the big day each year for The Radnor Hunt Pony Club, since that is the day when the Radnor Hunt arranges for the Pony Club to have its own hunt with its own staff. This year the weather was clear, but a little warm. By 11 o'clock 85 Pony Club members were on hand at the Meet. Henry L. (Eddie) Collins, Jr., Master of the Radnor Hounds, could not be there, so George Hundt took over as acting M.F.H. Winkie Buchanan was Pony Club Master. William Evans, Huntsman, had Sandra Stokes as Pony Club Huntsman. With Joe Bird, Whipper-in, was Kathy Rea as Pony Club Whipper-in. Mrs. J. Austin DuPont took the non-jumpers and Mrs. Lester T. Hundt, D.C. supervised the Field.

Moving off from the meet hounds worked the woods in back of Evans' but scent was poor, due to dry ground. They were picked up and moved over Hillview Road and through Hall's Corner to the woods back of the 76 Farm. Hounds found in the

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covert and the field moved out of the woods over a snake fence into a pasture, where the line was temporarily foiled by cattle. Hounds persevered and were soon running again in full cry as they worked their way out of the pasture; over another snake fence went some of the Field - others through a gate. Hounds pushed their fox toward the Delaware County Horse Show grounds and through the new development on this road. At this point our pilot turned and circled back towards the place where hounds had found. Having jumped many fences and gone through several streams, the members of the field found themselves back where the run had started - although fewer in number and wiser.

Hounds found again in the woods, ran over to White Horse Road and checked in the fields on the other side. Car followers saw the fox cross the road below the farm pond. Here the Pony Club had the experience of jumping from a macadam road over a stone wall, galloping through a swamp and jumping a bar-way.

As a hunt breakfast had been arranged for two o'clock, and as it was now well past that hour, it was decided to call it a day. The adult and Pony Club Staff and twelve remaining Pony Clubbers walked slowly back to the Radnor Hunt Club behind hounds, with memories of stone walls, high fences, the thrill of seeing Hounds work to perfection, and with deep appreciation to George Hundt for a wonderful hunt.

Some of the highlights of the day - Sandra Stokes as Pony Club Huntsman on a 14 hand pony outjumping most of the horses - the Acting Master, George Hundt in pink coat on a grey horse with the background of solid black coats of the Field - the matched Junior Staff all on bays clipped, braided and shined, and each properly turned out for her office - the quiet breakfast, a tribute to a good hunt! L.T.H.

Skidmore College

In an attempt to avoid the general routine of a horse show class and to present something a little more challenging and diversified, the Skidmore College Riding Club under the direction of Mr. Ralph Symmes held an "Obedience Trial" on Sunday, October 16. The trial consisted of three phases - schooling work in the ring, cross-country, and jumping - and was scored on a point system. Participants were permitted to choose between jumping in the ring or on the outside course and also could omit any fences on the course that they felt were beyond their capabilities, allowing riders of various levels to compete. The final totalling up of points disclosed two levels of ability and four ribbons were awarded in each division. P.H.

CORRESPONDENT: Penny Haskell.

TIME: October 16.

PLACE: Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

JUDGE: Con Calkin.

Possible score: 122 points.

1st division - 1. Lois Robinson, 110 1/2; 2. Tracy Brown, Penny Haskell, 108; 3. Janet Tobie, 97; 4. Robin Tussen, 95.

2nd division - 1. Margo Williamson, 67; 2. Carolee Sussman, 55; 3. Pat Dow, Laurie Lincoln, 54; 4. Sarah Rogers, 49.

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OUR HIGHEST PURPOSE. A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION 1917-1960, BY ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN, N.Y., THE AMERICAN HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, 1960, pp. 92, illus., \$5.00.

Although the American Horse Shows Association was organized in 1917 and although he was preceded by two presidents, Reginald C. Vanderbilt and Alfred B. MacLay, it was not until Adrian Van Sinderen took over the reins of office at the annual meeting in 1937 that the Association began to operate as a truly national organization. Mr. Van Sinderen is consequently particularly suited to write a history of this organization, since he continued in office until the annual meeting at the beginning of 1960. Within the limited number of pages contained in this book, he has handled his task admirably, writing in his usual fluent style. The book is well produced, on good paper and is copiously illustrated. It is to be regretted, however, that the Association did not take this opportunity to publish a book long enough to have contained a full history of the development of the American Horse Show during this period, of the significant developments in the types of horses, their presentation, the styles of riding, the relationship between the organization, exhibitors and the public, and the various other aspects which have made horse show history. Perhaps Mr. Van Sinderen will one day write a definitive work along the above lines. Certainly there is no one better qualified to do so.

GIANTS OF THE TURF. THE ALEXANDERS, THE BELMONTs, JAMES R. KEENE, THE WHITNEYS, BY DAN M. BOWMAR III, LEXINGTON, KY., "THE BLOOD-HORSE", 1960, pp. 224, illus., \$7.00.

In his introduction the author says: - "This book is an attempt to fill a void in American Turf literature caused by the failure of anyone to set down the stories of some of the men who have had a lasting influence upon racing and breeding in the United States." It is interesting to note that the founders of three of the four families were immigrants to this country. Robert Aitcheson Alexander came from Scotland, where he had been educated, to Woodburn Farm in Woodford County, Ky., in 1849. August Belmont came from Germany to New York in 1837, while James

Robert Keene came from England to California in 1850. Only William Collins Whitney, born in Conway, Mass., in 1841, came from a family long established in this country, his ancestor John Whitney having come from England to Watertown, Mass., in 1635. Considering the author's background, it is certainly natural that he should have selected four families whose breeding operations were eventually centered in the area around Lexington, Ky., - The Alexanders at Woodburn, the Keenes at Castleton, the Belmonts at the Nursery Stud and the Whitneys at Greentree and what is now known as the C. V. Whitney Farm. From the end of the Civil War to the outbreak of World War II, these four families exerted a predominant influence on American bloodstock breeding, in all probability greater than any four families will ever be able to do again. Mr. Bowmar has set forth their ventures and successes in detailed and most readable form. The text is illustrated with a wealth of old photographs which in themselves are well worth the price of the book. A most valuable addition to the literature of turf history. A.M.-S.

A CENTURY AND A HALF OF AMATEUR DRIVING, BY A.B. SHONE, LONDON, J.A. ALLEN, 1960, pp. 152, illus., 5 guineas.

This is one of the most beautiful and important books about driving published in modern times. It was George IV, who as Prince of Wales started the fashion for amateur driving in the closing years of the 18th Century. It is here that Mr. Shone begins, proceeding to the formation of the first Four-In-Hand club - The Bensington Driving Club in 1806, and carries on

through the various later Four-In-Hand Clubs - The Richmond Driving Club, the Coaching Club and the British Driving Society, the latter two still flourishing. There are also chapters on Tandem Driving, on Coaching Calls, and on the Carriage Processions at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The text is illustrated with 22 color prints, some of them after paintings by the author, and 90 black and white reproductions of prints and photographs. A sumptuous and fascinating book. A.M.-S.

IN PRAISE OF HUNTING, A SYMPOSIUM EDITED BY DAVID JAMES AND WILSON STEPHENS, LONDON, HOLLIS AND CARTER, 1960, pp. 231, illus., 25 shillings.

This is frankly a public relations book. Due to the activities in the British Isles of the anti-blood sports Societies, those who love hunting deer, foxes and hares have been put on the defensive. It is for this reason that the introduction by Reginald T. Paget is headed "Cruelty in Sport". The series of eleven articles which follow are by such well-known figures as the Duke of Beaufort, M.F.H.; Wilson Stephens, Editor of "The Field"; Dorian Williams, M.F.H., the well-known broadcaster and television commentator; the stage comedian Jimmy Edwards; and others of similar stature. The general purpose of the articles is to set forth for the benefit of the public at large the many reasons why people like hunting. This is a notable collection of essays which everyone interested in the sport of foxhunting will find well worth reading. The illustrations, taken from the photographic files of "The Field", are outstanding. A.M.-S.

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Prep School Polo

John H. Fritz

Another prep school polo season is underway, and enthusiastic reports have been received from the East, the Midwest, and the Southwest, areas where prep schools with polo teams are located.

At Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania, the current polo season got underway on November 20 when the cadets encountered the Newark (Del.) Polo Club. While the Forge malletmen lost the team coach, was pleased with the way his boys played and looks forward to another successful year. Valley Forge has had a winning season every year since polo became a regular sport at the Academy in 1956-57.

Heading the Valley Forge varsity trio this year is veteran player Kit Kerns of Atlanta, a regular on the team for the past two seasons. Backing him up is Towney Vogel of Warrenton, Virginia, also a letterman and a very promising alternate on last year's team. Newest star on the Valley Forge horizon is a 5'3", 120 pound sophomore from Washington, Pennsylvania, named Buzz Rackley. Buzz has shown great potential in practices and games to date and won a place on the starting trio of the opening game from among 15 Forge troopers competing for that position.

Colonel Fischer plans a 17 game schedule to continue until late spring. Conformations for games have already been received from the University of Virginia jayvees, the Oxford Royal Polo Club, the VFMA alumni, and the Concordville Polo Club. Proposed matches with a Cornell alumni team, the Yale jayvees, Princeton, and Georgetown have also been scheduled.

From Culver Military Academy in Indiana comes news that this may well be the most successful polo season at Culver in a number of years. Colonel Gerald J. Graham, Director of Horsemanship and polo coach at Culver, has added six new ponies to the Academy's polo string and has about 30 boys (17 of them new riders) reporting regularly for polo instruction and practice. New florescent lighting put in the Culver riding hall a year and a half ago, and new tinted windows recently installed to cut out the glare of the late afternoon sun, have greatly improved the polo facilities at Culver as has the improved footing in the riding hall.

Co-captains of the Culver squad this season are Buzz Muse and Sandy Dunlap, both veterans of varsity play last year. Joined by several other experienced players, these two form the basis of a well organized and coordinated varsity which should do well as the season progresses. Colonel Graham has also organized jayvee and plebe teams in order to build new strength for future years. Finding outside competition for these less experienced players, however, has proved a difficulty.

The Culver varsity opened its season November 12 against the Bloomfield Hills Polo Club from Detroit in a close fought match which Bloomfield won 12-11. Culver led the scoring until the final period when Bloomfield made two early goals to take a 11-9 lead. Muse and Dunlap evened the score only to have Howie Miller of Bloomfield knock in a goal during the last seconds of play to give the game to the Detroit team.

The Culver season will continue into April. As in past years, games are planned with teams from Peoria, Illinois, Cincinnati, the Kentree School of Horsemanship in Grand Rapids, Louisville, the Onwentsia Polo Club in Lake Forest, and Cleveland. New teams added to the Culver schedule this year include the Bloomfield Hills team, the Milwaukee Eagles, and a team from Dayton. Colonel Graham also



The Culver Military Academy varsity moves out from the throw-in during a recent game against the Peoria, Illinois, Polo Club.

plans to make a trip East to play Cornell and Yale in the spring and hopes to have teams from those universities also play at Culver. He also hopes to be able to schedule some matches for his team at the Chicago armory where the Indoor-Outdoor Polo Corporation conducts an active polo season each winter.

In the Southwest, schoolboy polo received a set back last spring when the Judson School of Scottsdale, Arizona, announced it was discontinuing polo. Judson had had an active polo team since the 1930's, but in recent years interest had fallen off for a number of reasons including a growing interest among the students in calf roping. The school authorities thus decided last June to drop the sport at least for the time being.

This action was a hard blow to that powerhouse of schoolboy polo in the Southwest, the Southern Arizona School for Boys in Tucson, for SAS and Judson had been active rivals for over two decades. But coach John Walsh reports that other competition has been found for his boys due to the interest and enthusiasm shown by the Pima County Polo Club in Tucson and a team in Scottsdale headed by Bill Dwyer, former coach at Judson.

SAS opened its competitive season November 26 with a hard fought match against the Pima County Club which they lost 4-3. After a scoreless first chukker, Jim Douglas of Pima County opened the scoring in the second period. Jim Brenner of SAS, who hails from Shaker Heights, Ohio, evened the score early in the third period, only to have John Donaldson of Pima County put his team ahead again with another goal. Goals by SAS players Joe Harper of Hollywood and Mac Graham of Memphis put that team into the lead going into the final period in which the Pima County Club held SAS scoreless while adding two goals and the victory to their own column.

Although SAS lost its entire varsity and alternates through graduation last June, there are several veterans of last year's winning jayvee team back for play this season. A number of new ponies have been added to the string, and Mr. Walsh has been working since early fall with about 25 enthusiastic boys. He expects to add another 10 to his squad soon as polo interest is very strong at SAS where traditionally half of the school's enrollment of about 80 turn out annually for polo. When games are played, practically the whole school turns out to help in one way or another, so that home games are a real all-school effort.

Thus the prospects for another successful prep school polo season are very bright. As John Walsh has pointed out, and as I am sure Colonels Fischer and Graham would agree from their experience, no one need worry about the future of polo in America. All three schools are turning out new players each year, and each season the enthusiasm for the sport seems to grow.

Friday, December 23, 1960

Colorado Polo

After the disappearance of polo at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs three years ago some of the interested polo players in the area got together to try to keep the game alive in Colorado. There were six to eight men and one available outdoor field plus a skin field on the William Sinclair ranch, halfway between Colorado Springs and Denver located on West Plum Creek. Games were played every Sunday beginning in June and going through August.

The next year, 1959, there were several new members and a new field. This field was a semi-grass field on the Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr. ranch, only a few miles south of Denver. At the beginning of the 1960 season the Club had 12 to 14 players ready to play each Sunday. Mid-weekly scrimmages were added to the schedule. Colorado polo was well enough established to schedule a round-robin tournament.

On Saturday, August 27th the tournament began. There were three teams competing. The referee was Mr. Gil Wilson of Colorado Springs, a former polo player. The players were:

Plum Creek John Keene; Carlyle Pollock; Jack Evans; Bud Tamblyn.

Arapahoe George Beeman; George Hier; Kay Morgan; Lawrence C. Phipps III; Marvin Beeman.

Red Wing John Riley; Gary Tyra; Gus White, Sr.; Bill Sinclair.

Each team played four chukkers, and at the end of the one day's play Arapahoe held a commanding lead of 7-2-2. Plum Creek played Red Wing the first chukker and Arapahoe the second chukker. Plum Creek tallied once against Arapahoe with Jack Evans taking the ball all the way downfield. In the second chukker Bill Sinclair scored twice for Red Wing, one a long shot from near mid-field. In the third chukker, Arapahoe, with some fine team play, broke loose for four goals against Red Wing. Marvin Beeman scored three goals, and Kay Morgan the fourth. George Beeman no. 1., was thrown through the goal posts as his horse fell. However, he was able to continue the game. In the fourth chukker one goal was scored by Arapahoe, and in the fifth chukker one by Plum Creek. During the last chukker the Arapahoe team was on the offense again with much of the play in the mouth of their opponent's goal. Red Wing held Arapahoe to two goals, George Beeman and Kay Morgan scoring.

Sunday, Arapahoe clinched the tournament trophy, but not until a stubborn Red Wing and Plum Creek team had cut down their lead. The final score was 10-8-6. The game was off to a quick start with Jack Evans taking the ball downfield from the throw-in for Plum Creek's first goal against Red Wing. Bill Sinclair connected on a foul shot for Red Wing. Carlyle Pollock picked up a missed foul shot for Plum Creek's second goal of the day. In the second chukker Red Wing tallied twice, Gus White taking the ball downfield and

Bill Sinclair making a foul shot. Arapahoe was held scoreless. Plum Creek collected in the third period with Bud Tamblyn scoring. The fourth chukker saw three more goals added to Red Wing's score, Gus White making two, and Gary Tyra getting his first ally of the day. Going into the fifth chukker Arapahoe and Red Wing were tied with 8 apiece. Arapahoe quickly gained possession of the ball, taking it downfield and scoring with L. C. Phipps III making the shot. In the final period Kay Morgan scored again for Arapahoe, bringing their two day total to 10 goals. Mrs. Gus White of LaMesa, Texas, presented the trophy to the team Captain, L. C. Phipps III. J.W.S.



Cornell University

Polo

Cornell
J. Morse
P. Baker

Avon
A. Wadsworth
F. Laimbeer

T. Lane
J. Bermudez
B. Walworth
Al Schwartz
Ed Childs

G. McIntire

Scoring - Cornell: Morse 2, Baker 4, Lane 1, Bermudez 6, Walworth 3, Schwartz 1, total: 17. Avon: Wadsworth 3, Laimbeer 7, McIntire 3, total: 13.

Cornell	Alumni
B. Baldwin	M. Andrew
F. Butterworth	D. Tarlow
B. Walworth	D. Melvin
J. Bermudez	W. Rump
T. Lane	

Scoring - Cornell: Baldwin 6, Butterworth 5, Walworth 5, Bermudez 3, Pony Goals 2, total: 21. Alumni: Andrew 3, Tarlow 3, Melvin 2, Rump 3, total: 11.

Cornell	U. of Va.
J. Walworth	Long
B. Baldwin	W. Farish
T. Lane	D. Grubbs
F. Butterworth	
J. Bermudez	
P. Baker	
J. Morse	

Scoring - Cornell: Walworth 4, Baldwin 5, Butterworth 4, Bermudez 5, Baker 1, Morse 2, total: 21. U. of Va.: Long 2, Farish 7, Grubbs 2, total: 11.

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Letters To The Editor

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Scent

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in the Nov. 25th Chronicle on scent, reminded me of one of the strangest hunts in history (except it won't be history unless you print it as I've never told anyone about it). I was just ten years old and it was my first hunt on anything over 12 hands. We owned no suitable horse so I was mounted on a livery stable mare, an old polo pony who'd seen many seasons of hunting. My instructions were to give the mare her head and follow the unenthusiastic groom. However, this groom was so slow, the mare soon took off on her own, much to my delight.

My delight was soon dampened by the fact that I couldn't see anyone else or even hear hounds. After awhile it occurred to me that I couldn't even see signs of hounds or horses having crossed the same terrain we were covering. I began to lose all confidence in my mount and couldn't imagine why she seemed to know exactly where she was going.

Once, I thought I heard hounds way off on our left, but when I tried to change our course, the mare was so reluctant, I finally had to let her continue her own line.

Eventually, and it seemed like hours, we emerged from a little woods and sighted a fox a short distance ahead. A few yards further on the mare stopped and we watched the fox go to ground in the side of a hill.

I stood there rather dazed, wondering if the mare knew her way home, when the unmistakable sound of hounds came from the other side of the hill. At first I couldn't tell which direction they were working. Then I caught sight of a pink coat in the woods and realized they were hunting my mare's fox.

I hastily hid myself and the mare, wondering guiltily if it was my fault the fox had gone to ground. In any case, I had an idea the Huntsman wouldn't be pleased if he knew my mare had been hunting his fox - some distance ahead of his hounds. When everyone (only four or five people were left) joined the hounds, I reappeared as inconspicuously as possible - which turned out not to be possible because I was told it had been a very long hard run and they were extremely surprised to see me there at all.

Fortunately, my bright red face was attributed to exertion instead of embarrassment. The mare had probably had the greatest hunt of her life but as her passenger, I had missed everything and been too hopelessly lost in the unfamiliar countryside to even really enjoy the ride. I certainly hadn't "ridden to hounds".

The rest of that season I made very sure the little mare at least stayed behind the Huntsman, but her cleverness and turn

of speed was so noticeable that in spite of her advanced age, someone bought her from the livery stable and won our annual point-to-point.

Years later, when I read an article saying that horses had far better senses of smell than hounds, I thought what a pity that mare hadn't been up to the weight of the Huntsman - She would have picked up the scent whenever the hounds lost it - or wouldn't that be CRICKET?

Sincerely,
Evelyn Prescott

About Indenture

Dear Sir:

"Indenture" (Chronicle, November 11), pleading for. . . "rules (F.E.I.) modified to fit the American idea of 'Fun In Sports' ". . . left at least a few Chicagoland enthusiasts gasping for air.

Many hereabouts will agree, unfortunately, that F.E.I. timing, time allotments, course measurement and rule interpretations have been sloppily administered in this area. On this score, certainly, A.H.S.A. should be asked to provide more exacting specifications and controls, that all exhibitors can clearly understand as being "the rules" governing a given F.E.I. class. Modified F.E.I. classes, with spur of the moment modification by one or two individuals, is a real dissensionmaker and specifications should be clearly set forth with entry forms, in concise, further un-modifiable detail.

"Indenture's" refusal to accept minimum weight requirements is the jolter, however. This indicates that we will henceforth have only a few amateurs to show in these classes, with probably no professionals, now that Max Bonham is no longer able to ride jumpers. This attitude seems shortsighted, particularly on the part of those professionals who, with their small female jockeys, have a usually significant size-weight-experience advantage to begin with.

The very infrequent class requiring minimum weight, in this area, provided encouragement and somewhat more opportunity to the larger amateurs, who should get some chance of a blue ribbon once in awhile. Why must some of our pros insist on this weight "edge", when chances are, if they sell their jumper, it will be for a heavier rider?

If we are to have F.E.I. classes, an occasional "weight" class might be awarded bonus points, which would certainly re-awaken the pros, with their boarder-amateurs, all in hard pursuit of championships. It would indeed be sporting of the pros to spot the amateurs a few pounds, instead of vice versa!

Maximum time requirements, which have seemed sufficient for moderate, well managed rounds, together with time-to-count on jump-offs, DOES place a responsibility on the riders. It also speeds

up our lagging classes, and provides an interesting, understandable feature for the all-too-few spectators, who usually see an exhibitor competition, instead of a horse show.

If we're going to have open jumper classes, with ticks not to count, let's call it that, and have F.E.I. properly accepted as it has been for many years in the other countries of the world.

A Chicagoan

Trail Guide

Dear Sir:

I would like to add a little to your recent articles about "Trail Guide" as I don't feel any credit has been given to the man who developed him and put in many hours of work on him. Trail Guide was shipped to Fort Riley from Fort Robinson, Nebraska in 1943 as a green four-year-old and there was purchased as an officer's mount by W. M. (Bob) Poulson of Sheridan, Wyoming, than a Lieutenant in the Cavalry.

After the War Bob brought him back to Sheridan and continued with his jumping education. Bob showed him with great success in the horse shows in this vicinity and also ran him six or seven times in the timber races we used to have at that time. Trail Guide was never beaten - in fact only once did a horse finish even close to him. The way he could run and jump, he might have been a good Maryland Hunt Cup prospect and several people did indeed try to buy him for that purpose.

Bob sold Trail Guide to R. B. Frazer of Billings, whose son at that time hoped to make the Olympic Team, as he felt the horse would have a greater opportunity with him, and subsequent events certainly proved him right. Without question the Equestrian Team riders made him the finished jumper he was, but Bob Poulson should also have credit, for he played a major part in his development.

Sincerely,
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Australia's Centenary Melbourne Cup

Hi Jinx, five-year old bay mare by Pride of Kildare-Lady's Bridge, owned and trained in New Zealand, scored a surprise win at 50/1, carrying 108 lbs., in the Centenary Melbourne Cup, two miles, here.

New Zealand entrants have been fairly successful in the Melbourne Cup over the years, but this year they blanketed the finish, Howsie (4-yr.-old gelding by Howe-Adios) being half a head back, second in the photo finish, and Ilumquh (5-yr.-old br. 6, by Sabaeen-Sunbridge) a further half head back, third. Second and third place-getters are also New Zealanders.

The cup was contested by a capacity field of 32, and was run in the slow time of 3 min. 23 3/4 sec., compared with the race record of 3 min. 19 1/4 sec. The Melbourne Cup is raced on the first Tuesday in November each year - the 1960 event being held on November 1. The Cup

to 25,000 Australian pounds. Allowing for differences in the fiscal scale, this would be the equivalent of a race worth about \$130,000 in U.S.

This year's winner, Hi Jinx, was ridden by W. A. Smith, an Australian jockey who has lately been riding in New Zealand.

British Isles Free Handicap and Stakes

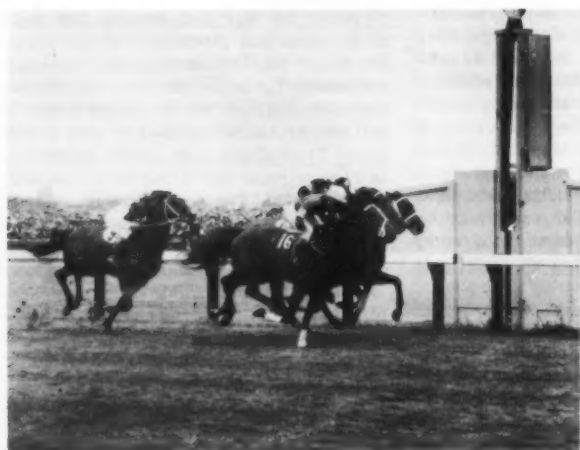
Philip de Burgh-O'Brien

Ireland has done well in the English Two Year Old ratings with three, Typhoon, Florimunda and Kathy Too, placed just under France's Opaline II, winner of the Cheveley Park Stakes. What does a Free Handicap mean? Simply, that the official handicapper has assessed, in pounds, the horses on what they have done in the seasons big races. It is not, or never was, an accurate forecast of the potential of these same horses over middle distances in the

the better acceleration.

To evaluate these nominal handicaps and related stakes wins - from what Mr. Frank Talmadge Phelps has written means that there is some puzzlement among Americans - it is necessary to take into account the horses beaten; the manner of the win; and the special conditions prevailing at the time of running. Purses are no direct index as to merit. Thus, I believe that Florimunda is underrated; that Test Case, Gimcrack Stakes winner, is overrated. An amusing and factual story is told of the afternoon of the Middle Park stakes: Two trainers, one English, one Irish, were discussing the race over their buttermilks, dry. Said the Anglo: "I say, old man, did'nt my horse do awfully well, today?" Retorted the Irishman: "Rubbish, I have two selling platers in my stable and either would have given weight and a beating to that lot."

To judge the merit of a "Stakes" win in the Isles one must note the strength



Hi Jinx (No. 16) leads Howsie and Ilumquh past the winning post by a half neck and a head. Dhaulagiri (No. 9) was fourth in Australia's Centenary Melbourne Cup.



Part of the Melbourne Cup's crowd of over 101,000 by the Totalisator. (Australian News & Information Bureau, Photographs by Cliff Bottomley).

is a handicap event for three-year-olds and up, and is regarded as the greatest test of stamina in the Australian area, and one of the toughest events of its kind in the world.

Every year people travel from all parts of Australia and New Zealand to see the Cup run, and this year was no exception, the crowd of 101,400 being larger than usual.

The topweight, Tulloch, from Sydney, until recently regarded as one of the best horses currently racing, found his weight of 141 lbs too much and was never in contention. Tulloch, now six years old, finished seventh.

Australian races are run on the grass, as in England. The Melbourne Cup is started in a six-furlong straightaway chute, and after galloping past the stands the field then makes a circuit of the course. Prize money for this year's Cup amounted

following racing season: it is more accurately, a guide to Sprinting. Thus, I feel confident that Florimunda was the best juvenile in Europe in 1960, Despite blotting his copy book when running (under a grave physical handicap) third in the Gimcrack Stakes. My opinion is that Florimunda, the horse that cracked the Phoenix Park time record and was an 8 lengths winner of the New Stakes, Ascot, would beat Opaline II under normal conditions. Fast-breaker, Kathy Too, winner of the Phoenix Stakes and the Lowther Stakes, is out of the ordinary, and something in front of the very smart Typhoon.

In the English Three Year Old Free Handicap, just two stick out; Derby and St. Leger winner, St. Paddy, and Irish Oaks and St. Leger winner, Lynchris, rated at 133 and 124 pounds, respectively. At level weights, it would be a good race between them; in fact, Lynchris has

of the opposition; for instance, there are "soft" stakes to be won, where the runners are moderate, and provide no real test; furthermore, the top juveniles tend to AVOID each other.

Often too, you have better class horses running here in Plates and handicaps, or, when the juveniles, say, are late maturers. A striking example of this is the Irish two-year-old Tamerlane colt, Marlon, who won two Plates in late season, easily, and is set to receive 14 pounds from the Top. I think this one has more potential than most of the others, excepting Florimunda, perhaps - "the best horse I have ever trained," says Paddy Prendergast.

It should be realized that the Junior Free Handicap leaders are usually sprinters and the get of sprinting sires, precocious runners, who do not shine over middle and long distances, in following season. The Derby winner is often not even

mentioned in these, or else is "way down".

Mr. F. W. Burmann, is the leading owner in Ireland, 1960, chiefly with the aid of his Derby winner, Chamour - the horse that could not make it to Laurel. Fonsie O'Brien, the leading trainer: he took over his brother's (Vincent O'Brien) when the latter was sensationally set down in mid-season, and took his chance well; Garnet Bougoure, is the top Jockey, narrowly, from Liam Ward. I regard Garnet as the best judge of pace in the British Isles. This Australian rider is the No. 1 for the powerful O'Brien stable.

MIDWEST HUNT RACE ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the Midwest Hunt Race Association was held November 19, 1960 at Mr. Berger's residence in Indian Hill, Ohio. Forty-nine members attended, including representatives from the vicinities of Cincinnati, Lexington, Louisville and Indianapolis. Unfortunately there were no representatives from Nashville or Tryon, and only two of the interested trainers were present.

On the recommendation of the president, seconded by the vice president, it was decided that directors should be elected or appointed in order to carry out the business and functions of the organization. After some discussion, Mr. Lowry Watkins made a motion seconded by Mr. Burford Damer, that two directors be elected to represent each Hunt meeting or Steeplechase, and that one director be elected for each Point-to-Point. This was broken down as follows: Nashville 2, Tryon 2, Oxmoor 2, River Downs 2, Lexington 1, Indianapolis 1, Oldham County 1, Camargo 1. The motion also included four additional directors to be elected at large.

At this point there was an intermission so that the members from the various localities could select and agree on their directors for nomination. Upon the resumption of the meeting the directors were nominated as follows:

Indianapolis - Burford Damer
Lexington - Thomas Rankin
River Downs and Camargo - Carl Berger, Charles Heekin, John Clippinger
Oxmoor and Oldham County - Dr. Paul Dent, Roscoe Dalton, Dinwiddie Lampton
Nashville - Calvin Houghland, John Sloan
Tryon - Carter Brown, O. C. Carmichael.

The Directors from the latter two cities were nominated from the floor with the understanding that they could make substitutions for themselves if desired at a later date. All of the above were elected unanimously.

The nominations for the four directors at large numbered eight, and a secret written ballot was taken with the following results: Harry Rhett, Ned Bonnie, Howard Tilson, Lowry Watkins.

The other business of the meeting in-

cluded a reading of the Treasurer's Report, and the acceptance of Burford Damer's proposal that the Point-to-Point at Indianapolis be made a part of the Midwest circuit.

The President then announced that an early date for a Directors Meeting would be sought, and the meeting was adjourned. Mr. and Mrs. Berger gave a very delightful cocktail-buffet dinner party for the entire group immediately following the meeting.

Louis M. Prince, Sec'y - Treas.



Film Review

TITLE - Dressage

PRODUCER - Fred Sengmuller, Ontario, Canada

1 - 16 mm reel, black and white, with sound, 1000 feet.

To compress some three years of schooling into 1,000 feet of sound film is at best a large assignment, if not impossible.

The producer chose his subject well, the rider being a member of the German Olympic Gold Medal Grand Prix Dressage Team in the 1936 Games, Gen. Oppeln-Bronikowski.

The film is intended to "sell" dressage to the audience and does indeed start from the bottom. For the interested would-be practitioner of dressage, however, it quickly leaves behind his capacity for absorption, and we are faced with well-executed Renvers, etc. It aptly illustrates the finished product performing the finished movement - but not a clue as to how to get there. The occasional and well-placed advice such as "don't work your horse on circles of less than 6 metres" is so spotty as to seem out of context with the film as a whole, which has principally entertainment value.

Obviously it is intended to be instructional, also. In this respect the commentary is more enlightening than the photography: the more so, when one hears frequent reference to the importance of the horse's hindquarters which cannot be too strongly emphasised. This tends to be spoilt, however, by the picture of a horse that is too frequently "over the bit" with the head behind the vertical. During the turns and the half pirouette one can see the rider's hand (s) executing backward movements, which are misleading to the practitioner.

This overall thoughtfully prepared film is certainly of interest to that small segment who strive to school dressage horses per se, but it is out the realm of those interested in Combined Training, not to mention the Pony Clubs.

H.S.T.

KILROE ON DISTANCE RACING

Frank E. (Jimmy) Kilroe, retiring Racing Secretary at the New York tracks who will henceforth serve as Director of Racing at Santa Anita in California, made the following remarks at the 19th annual convention of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations at the Aqueduct Track as reported by columnist Bob Horwood of "The Morning Telegraph": - "While making it clear that he was entirely in favor of an increase in distance racing, Frank E. (Jimmy) Kilroe, pointed out that the trend was toward fewer distance stakes. Kilroe said that in 1943, of 355 stakes races run on the flat, 13 were at distances of a mile and a half or longer, while last year, of 897 such stakes, 21 were at 12 furlongs or more.

"However, Kilroe emphasized that of the 21 distance stakes run last year, 11 were run on the turf, which means that there were actually three less route fixtures on dirt than 16 years earlier, though the number of stakes had more than doubled. The increase in stakes, of course, is largely due to the great increase in the number of racetracks. Though he did not say so, Kilroe is obviously aware that a large proportion of the newer stakes are such in name only.

"Kilroe said emphatically that the need is for distance races that people will breed for and that trainers will point for, but added that the answer is not to provide route events for \$3,500 or cheaper horses, which is the policy at many tracks. The young veteran made it clear that he felt that this was a situation that the managements of the major racecourses should do something about by providing an incentive to owners and breeders."



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BOYD-JENNINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Jennings announce the engagement of their daughter, Mimi Sanford to Morley Chapin Boyd, both of Fairfield, Conn. Mimi is a member of the Fairfield County Hunt Club and was President of Fairfield County Hunt Junior Horse Show for 1960, one of the biggest Junior shows in the east, which is run completely by Juniors. She had also campaigned successfully in the show ring for the last four years on her own horse Bold Timber, which was recently sold to Jessica Tucker-man of New York.

Mr. Boyd attended the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut and is now studying at Boston University in Boston, Mass. He served three years with the United States Army in Germany.

DR. ENSMINGER

Dr. M. E. Ensminger, Chairman, Department of Animal Science, Washington State University, was the recent recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award of the American Society of Animal Production - the second such award ever made by the Society. The award, consisting of \$1,000 and a plaque, is sponsored by Swift and Company.

Dr. Ensminger has written 6 widely used textbooks; has been an author or co-author of approximately 300 popular and technical articles, including the U.S.D.A. Farmers' Bulletin, "Light Horses", of which 150,000 were printed for the first

run. His column, "The Stockman's Guide," appears in 15 state, regional, and national magazines. In the area of adult education, he has initiated a series of educational events at W.S.U., such as the Stockmen's Short Course, feeder days for all classes of stock, and the Light Horse Judging School and Show. These events attract about 7,500 persons yearly from many states and foreign countries.

In addition to his many duties as a teacher and administrator, Dr. Ensminger has acted as a consultant for the Atomic Energy Commission and is presently on the Board of Field Advisors to the Small Business Administration, Washington, D. C.

ROUSE AND FANNING ELECTED

Randolph D. Rouse of Arlington, Va., and Philip F. N. Fanning of Glyndon, Md., were elected to membership in the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

In making the announcement, S. Bryce Wing, President of the Association, noted that Mr. Rouse organized and is Chairman of, the successful Fairfax Race Meeting in Fairfax County, Va., 20 miles southeast of Washington. Rouse also campaigns a stable of jumpers and flat horses at the major tracks and hunt meetings. His most notable victory was with Curly Joe in the 1958 running of the International Gold Cup, featured steeplechase at Rolling Rock in Ligonier, Pa. He is well-known in Washington racing circles, and is engaged in the development of real estate in that area.

Philip F. N. Fanning, a practicing attorney in Baltimore, Md., is a noted Amateur Rider and an ardent supporter of steeplechasing. During the past decade he has ridden in most of the country's outstanding timber races. He guided Ned's Flying to victory in the 1956 New Jersey Hunt Cup and two years later captured the testing Maryland Hunt Cup on the same horse.

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PHA DINNER-DANCE

The Board of Directors of the Professional Horsemen's Association unanimously voted to honor Mr. Adrian Van Sinderen, Chairman of the Board of the American Horse Shows Association, at their January dinner-dance. This annual dinner-dance, which will take place at the Belmont Plaza Hotel in New York on January 21st, will be a testimonial to Mr. Van Sinderen who, for many years has served the horsemen of the United States as President of the A.H.S.A. 1961 marks the Silver Anniversary of the PHA which will be observed at the same time.

The Annual Election of Officers for the Association will also take place on January 21st followed by a cocktail party hosted by Ann and Dave Wright at 7:30 P.M. at the Belmont Plaza. (Horse Show)

COMBINED TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At its annual meeting in New York City on January 29, 1961, the U. S. Combined Training Association will give two national awards based on competition in 1960 - one for the rider accumulating the highest number of points on the same horse at Horse Trials sanctioned by the U.S.C.T.A. and another for the owner of the horse accumulating the highest number of points during the season.

Events sanctioned by the U. S. Combined Training Association during 1960 are as follows: - 2nd Arizona One-Day Event, Phoenix, Arizona; Ram Tap Spring Horse Trials, Fresno, California; Blue Ridge Horse Trials, Millwood, Va.; Loudoun County Horse Trials, Hamilton, Va.; Maryland-PHA (Elkridge-Harford) One-Day Event, Fallston, Md.; Vicmead Horse Trials, Nr. Wilmington, Delaware; Pebble Beach Three-Day Event, Pebble Beach, Calif.; G.M.H.A. Three-Day Event, S. Woodstock, Vt.; Ken-Ala Two-Day Horse Trials, Montgomery, Ala.; Hideaway Stables 2-Day Event, Genesee, N.Y.; Greenway Horse Trials, Greenway, Va.; Nashville-Tennessee One-Day Horse Trials, Nashville, Tenn.; Potomac Hunt Horse Trials, Travilah, Md.; Myopia Hunt Horse Trials, Myopia, Mass.; Orange County Horse Trials, The Plains, Va.; and Canaan Farm Horse Trials, Esmont, Va.

MRS. MILLS' TRAINER

Mrs. James T. Mills, prominent Middleburg, Va., sportswoman, has named Ira (Babe) Hanford to train her 10-horse Thoroughbred stable. Ira, a brother of Carl Hanford who trains Kelso, retired from training last year and served in various official capacities during the past year. In past seasons, Mrs. Mills' primary interest has been in hunt meetings.

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STILL GETTING LETTERS

"Thought you might be interested in the item below for "In The Country". I am still getting letters in response to the ad you carried for me. The item might help.

"Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Willard of Arlington, Virginia have purchased "Northblen," 1958 Virginia Horse Shows Association Junior Hunter Champion, for their daughter Mary Catherine, from Tom and Judy Corcoran.

"Northblen was shown in 1958 by Tom Corcoran and Rebecca Ashley. As well as being Junior Champion she took Rebecca to the V.H.S.A. the A.H.S.A. and A.S.P.C.A. Equitation finals and was hunted as well. She was not shown in 1959 as Tom had gone on to College. Judy took over in 1960 but as she was getting ready to go to College. The mare was shown only a few times and still in the ribbons. Tom and Judy are students at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.



NORTHBLEN

"It is with deep regret that Tom and Judy part with their wonderful mare but they wish Mary Catherine much happy showing in the future.

"Many thanks".

The above was received from Mrs. Charles J. Cocoran.

H. G. WINKLER

German champion of show jumping, Hans Guenther Winkler, will become a breeder of Thoroughbreds. He is now the owner of the 3-year-old filly Dorsgrenze (Gamsjaeger-Delta by Traver-tine), who will be bred to one of the leading German stallions next spring.

Mydlinghoven Stud has sent the 5-year-old sprinter Granit (Abendfrieden-Glenaka by Periander) to Herr Winkler, who will try him as a show jumper. In his last outing at Duesseldorf Granit won a mile race.

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NEW ENGLAND HUNTS HOUND TRIALS

As has been previously reported, the 32nd running of the New England Hunts Hound Trials held at the Norfolk Hunt Club ended in a "no race" decision since none of the packs qualified. This was held Friday, October 28th in conjunction with the 23rd New England Hunts Championship Hunter Trials.

The four Masters of the hunts represented on the first occasion agreed to a re-run on Monday, November 28th. The course was the same as previously laid - approximately five and a half miles. All four packs went off well-bunched and three out of the four packs qualified. The first hound to finish had completed the course in twelve (12) minutes, closely followed by the hounds of all the packs with the exception of one hound from Groton. This latter came in more than five minutes after the winning hound and was, therefore, disqualified, as was the entire Groton pack.

Myopia won the trophy with 49 points, Millwood placing second with 38 points, followed by Norfolk with 24. N.T.C.

TRAVELLING ON HORSEBACK IN GERMANY

There are 479 places throughout Germany where horses and riders can rest and find accommodations. It is learned from a booklet recently released by the German Horse Training Centre at Warendorf. There is a new movement in Germany: "Travelling on Horseback" which is becoming very popular. In this booklet bridle paths through fields and woods are given, away from overcrowded motor roads.

Ph. Alles

PRESIDENTIAL PARADE HORSES SHUT OUT AT BOWIE

Stall space at Bowie Race Course, always at a premium, reached a new point this week when stabling was unavailable for a number of parade horses scheduled to participate in the inaugural ceremony of President-elect John F. Kennedy. Track general manager John L. Loomie was contacted by railway officials to accommodate the parade horses, but the early opening of the Maryland racing season on January 21 will find the 1,218 stalls occupied. "I deliberated for quite some time upon

the feasibility of accommodating the horses," Loomie said. However, the Bowie stall committee had made definite commitments to horsemen who will have every available stall bedded down during inaugural week. Every stall on the grounds has been allotted." In previous inaugurals when Bowie opened at a later date the parade horses were stabled at the track.

12 TIMES CHAMPION GERMAN JOCKEY

Though the German flat racing season continues through December 26 there is no doubt that Hein Bollow (40) will celebrate his 12th German championship as the leading jockey.

If things go well he should achieve his 900th victory by the end of 1960. Bollow aims to ride another 100 winners and then will become a trainer.

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